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Tokyo toll is six dead and 3,300 hurt

Religious cult suspected of gas attacks

BY GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HUNDREDS of detectives were drafted into the search for terrorists who released nerve gas on to the Tokyo subway during the rush hour yesterday, killing six and injuring more than three thousand people.

The mass poisoning was thought to be the work of a group because of the synchronisation of the attacks on railway carriages and platforms along three busy lines of the underground network. No motive was apparent, but suspicion fell mainly on a religious sect which has been accused of involvement in another gassing last June which left seven people dead.

In both cases the terrorists used sarin, a gas developed by the Nazis and subsequently used by Saddam Hussein in the Iran-Iraq war.

Inhaling half a milligram of the gas is enough to kill an eight-stone person almost instantly and it induces symptoms including impaired vision, vomiting, headache and breathing difficulties.

Nazi stockpiles were largely disposed of after the Second World War, but America had about four million litres stored in Germany until the 1980s and Middle Eastern countries are known to have produced it in recent years. Making the gas, a phosphorous compound, would require degree-level chemical expertise and access to the various intermediate products.

The end product is, however, said to be so unstable that chemical warfare experts say only demented terrorists would use it. "This is something for the crazies. Only terrorists with a kamikaze mentality would use it," one German expert said.



A soldier in anti-gas gear goes into the subway

In yesterday's attack, passengers reported seeing men with surgical masks and sunglasses leaving lunchbox-sized packets on the subway system in what officials described a deliberate, indiscriminate act of murder.

The Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama, called an emergency cabinet meeting saying the attack would not be tolerated, adding: "I can't deplore this act strongly enough."

By last night more than 3,300 people had been treated for the effects of the poisoning and about 740 were kept in hospital overnight. Sixteen were said to be in a critical condition.

Sarin gas has been used in at least two other incidents in the past year. The first was in the city of Matsumoto last June when sarin fumes spread through a densely populated area, killing seven and injuring at least fifty. Then in March this year, more than eighty passengers on a train in Yokohoma complained of nausea, stinging eyes and sore throats. Investigarors said that their symptoms were identical to those of the Tokyo victims and they believed the Yokohoma attack could have been a practice run for the mass poisoning yesterday.

While police have declined to identify possible suspects or motives, commentators have speculated that the 1,000-strong religious sect Aum Shinrikyo — which predicts the end of the world in 1997 — may have been involved. Traces of sarin were reported to have leaked from the sect's headquarters in a remote village in central Japan in January, and police investigating kidnappings and intimidation of former membrs have raided several of the group's branch offices recently. The latest raid was on Sunday and the sect has filed a 20 million yen lawsuit against the police for unlawfully entering its premises and seizing documents.

The sect has also taken legal action against several media organisations over reports of the sarin leak. It claims that it has been the target of sarin gas attacks by "hostile forces" and denied any involvement in the poisonings yesterday.

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ERIC MILLER

The Queen chats to corgi owners who welcomed her on the Cape Town waterfront at the start of her visit yesterday

The Queen praises South Africa's 'miracle'

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH AFRICA's transition from apartheid to democracy was little short of a miracle and a shining example to the world, the Queen told the country's parliament yesterday at the start of her state visit — the first since her father addressed the same House in 1947.

After a standing ovation and African ululations from the public gallery, the Queen told an almost full house of politicians of all shades, headed by President Mandela, that her wish to return to South Africa after accompanying George VI on his post-war tour had never deserted her during the country's half century of turmoil and tragedy.

In a speech which paid warm tribute to Mr Mandela and Deputy President de Klerk for taking the key steps on the road to reconciliation, the Queen quoted from the memoirs of Mr Mandela, to whom she awarded the Order of Merit, the highest decoration in her gift. In the memoirs, he wrote that it did not make sense for both sides to lose thousands of lives in an unnecessary conflict, and that it was time to talk. "I wish that more people the world over would heed those wise words," she said.

"They typify the new South Africa which is showing that, with far-sighted, able leadership, willingness to compromise and patient determination in the quest for peace, it is possible to reconcile the seemingly irreconcilable."

Earlier, 30 of the country's finest corgis greeted the Queen. She appeared extremely pleased when the Cape Welsh Corgi Club arranged for the dogs to parade on Cape Town waterfront.

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Aids dentist on register

Vikram Advani, a dentist suffering from Aids, was allowed to stay on the dental register for six months after the profession's regulators refused to investigate allegations of his illness. The General Dental Council knew that he was being treated three months before he died, it emerged yesterday ..... Page 2

Labour looks at tax on child benefit

The Labour leadership is seriously considering plans to tax child benefit at 40 per cent where either parent is a top-rate taxpayer, as part of a big shake-up of the welfare state. Senior Shadow Cabinet members reject taxing basic rate taxpayers ..... Page 2

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Clarke accuses the Right of undermining sterling

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, JILL SHERMAN AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

KENNETH CLARKE heightened Conservative tensions yesterday by accusing his enemies on the party's right of damaging sterling.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer hit back at right-wing attempts to isolate him and harm his future leadership prospects as the Government faced up to another cliffhanger vote today on Europe.

Speaking in Brussels, the Chancellor linked Conservative divisions on Europe with the recent turbulence on the foreign exchange markets which has seen the pound fall to record lows against the German mark. He said Conservative supporters and the public were "sick and tired" of endless disputes over Europe.

The Right hit back immediately last night after a 92 Group meeting. One leading figure said: "It is ludicrous of him to blame us for undermining the pound. It was his speech over Europe a few weeks ago that upset the applecart." Mr Clarke's retort to a charge from the Thatcherite Conservative Way Forward group that he was "out on a limb" came as other ministers leapt to his defence and denied that he was at odds with the rest of the Cabinet. Mr Clarke dismissed his critics as a fringe group.

At the same time, Michael Heseltine warned MPs against falling victim to a "death wish" and told rebels that they were building barriers to victory at the next election by giving the impression of disunity.

Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman, called for party unity and pointedly told Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 92 Group and editor of the *Conservative Way Forward* magazine, in which the attack on Mr Clarke was made, to unite with all Conservatives "against the real enemy" rather than make points "that are not only unhelpful but sterile".

Before the 92 Group meeting last night some right-wingers had voiced criticism of Sir George for having reignited the Euro dispute on which a Cabinet truce has held for weeks. The Chancellor is understood to have escaped criticism, though there were calls for tax cuts and warnings against any move to the centre.

Some members of the group criticised Sir George over the timing of the attack on Mr Clarke, and some said that there were difficulties in his joint role as chairman of the group and editor of the magazine. "The 92 group is being tarred with the Conservative Way Forward brush, " one said.

Mr Clarke, in Brussels for a meeting of European finance ministers, said Cabinet policy on Europe was "perfectly clear" and rejected claims that

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Former prisoner awarded £500,000

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER prisoner has won £500,000 in damages from the Home Office for brain injury sustained when he was given six times the normal dose of methadone while on remand in Brixton jail.

Martin Rogers, a former heroin addict, was awarded the money in an out-of-court settlement believed to be the biggest by the Prison Service.

He suffers severe memory loss and walks with a crutch and walking stick as a result of the huge overdose almost nine years ago. It is understood he was prescribed the correct amount of methadone, but was given the wrong dosage.

Mr Rogers, a former greengrocer from Hoxton in east London, lay most of the night on his cell floor and was not found until the next morning. He had been transferred from Wormwood Scrubs, where he had been remanded on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, after being arrested for attacking a man with an axe. He was prescribed the methadone to treat his heroin addiction.

A Prison Service spokeswoman said yesterday: "We have paid £500,000 in an out-of-court settlement after admitting liability for negligence in administering methadone."

Mr Rogers, 32, was in a coma in King's College Hospital for nine months, and according to his wife, Jacey, twice "died". After coming out of coma, he spent 12 months in a wheelchair before starting to walk using crutches. He said: "I am disabled for the rest of my life. I cannot remember things. I just sit at home all day watching television. I am bored stiff most of the time."

The award comprises damages for brain damage, sterility, the cost of long-term care, loss of potential earnings and the purchase of a home that will have to be fitted with special features.

Mrs Rogers said no amount of money could compensate for what her husband had suffered while in Brixton jail.

Fraud and shady cash deals led to envoy's suicide

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A TALE of fraud, backhanders, black market currency dealing and illegal visas, set against a background of civil war, resulted in the suicide of a British diplomat and the enforced retirement of two ambassadors.

The Evelyn Waugh-style story emerged yesterday when Sir John Coles, head of the Foreign Office, gave evidence to the Public Accounts Committee on corruption in the British Embassy in Sanaa, the Yemeni capital. Astonished MPs heard that Gerald Ryan, 48, second secretary in Sanaa, had been arrested in February last year on suspicion of false accounting and theft over five years. He committed suicide on Christmas Eve.

The police told the Foreign Office last month they would have suggested that he should be charged with theft, deception and corruption. The cost to the public purse has been estimated at £41,000, although Ryan told the police he had profited by about £100,000.

Sir John told MPs that Ryan had also issued visas with no fee recorded. That could have resulted in "up to ten" Sudanese illegal immigrants entering Britain. There was also circumstantial evidence that currency transferred between the embassy's sterling and local currency accounts had been manipulated with a potential for profiteering of £600,000 to £700,000. Yemen has officially recognised multiple currencies, leaving much scope for black market trading.

There was no evidence that Ryan had been involved, although a Mr al-Duais, a locally engaged accountant, was implicated: he went on leave in June 1993 and never returned. The Foreign Office has asked the Yemeni authorities to bring criminal charges against him. The Foreign Office is also looking at whether there is a case for disciplinary action against other staff.

While this was going on, civil war raged in Yemen and two ambassadors left under a cloud, although there was no suggestion that either was involved in malpractice. Mark Anthony Marshall, ambassador since 1988, was told to leave the service early in 1993 accused of "appalling management". He was succeeded by Douglas Gordon, who was asked to take early retirement last month after he, too, was told his management was not good enough.

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Missed opportunity to catch rising stars

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

These days, only knife-edge votes. Prime Minister's Questions and the occasional well-trailed "clash" in the Commons excite much press attention. Questions come between 2.30pm and 3.30pm; after these there may be a topical statement or an outburst during Points of Order, but by 4.30 reporters have drifted out.

Most MPs have drifted out, too. Backbenchers realise that routine debates will be reported "straight", if at all. Commentators know better places to find stories, slants, leaks, gossip and guidance as to what the big political guns are thinking. Corridors, lobbies and lunch are where the news is made. To put it bluntly, between 5pm and the ten o'clock vote, the Chamber is seldom the place to be.

Yet it matters. This is the skidpan where ministers and Opposition spokesmen are shaping up (or not) as Advanced Drivers. At key political moments the possession (or absence) of the skills on display every afternoon will still make and break careers. Commons watchers can all think of examples of supposed "rising stars", tipped by political analysts for the highest offices, whom we were not surprised (but the analysts were amazed) to see careering off the road and into the ditch. They may have impressed at lunch, but they were feeble on their feet.

Around 4.30 yesterday afternoon, with Questions over and the Press Gallery almost empty, I wandered in. The occasion, though ill-attended, mattered: the Second Reading of the new Child Support Bill.

Two of the most important men in British politics were locking horns. Neither are household names. Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, was named in one poll as the least-recognised Cabinet Minister in Britain. Donald Dewar, his Shadow, is surely one of the ablest of Labour's front bench, yet utterly untelevisual. In a few years he may well be Foreign Secretary, Chancellor, or Scottish Secretary in a huge constitutional storm. Would you recognise him?

Dewar was in smashing form: but then he *always* is. The subject was complex and delicate. Strewn across his Dispatch Box was a sheaf of closely packed, handwritten notes. Yet, barely consulting them, he strode through a speech with authority, care, and that pervading, wry pessimism for which he is prized.

Lilley had conceded that the first Child Support Act had made a slow start. "A slow start?" said Dewar. "I should have called that description insanely bullish." Tory backbenchers armed with quotes from Central Office briefs tried to trip him, but he knocked down every argument with ease, thinking fast on his feet. Seldom commented on is Dewar's vast intellectual assurance. He could be a giant of the next political era.

The man opposite him, Peter Lilley, has grown in stature over these last two years. He will never be a Dispatch Box maestro, but he used to be weak on his feet and is now quite sure-footed. He learns, yet the longer you observe Lilley, the more impressed you become by the intelligence and consistency of his thought. Like the late Keith Joseph, he is unusually willing to listen to questions and engage thoughtfully — and without weasely circumspection — with critics. It demonstrates a philosophical self-confidence which his diffident manner belies.

A cold March afternoon, and nothing sensational to note: just two figures we hardly know, who may dominate Government and Opposition politics within three years.

Workshy foreigners can be expelled says judge

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE Government won High Court backing yesterday for regulations stopping "workshy" jobless nationals from European Union states claiming income support in Britain.

In a landmark judgment, Mr Justice Judge dismissed challenges by an Italian and a Portuguese to Home Office decisions that they were not "lawfully resident" in the country.

The two men had been asked to leave because they were failing to seek jobs. Lawyers for the men argued that the Home Office decisions were unlawful because as EU citizens they had a right to live in the United Kingdom, irrespective of whether they had jobs or were seeking work.

Yesterday Mr Justice Judge ruled that the Maastricht treaty did not provide every citizen of the EU with such "an open-ended right".

Vittorio Vitale, 26, from Naples, came to Britain in June 1993. Apart from three months as a chef, he had not worked and had received income support and housing benefit until they were stopped last November.

The previous February, the Home Office immigration and nationality department told him he was not "lawfully resident" in England and should leave as he was not employed or "seeking work with a genuine chance of obtaining work".

Ricardo Do Amaral from Portugal came to Britain in June 1993 with his daughter aged eight, a stepson aged four and cousin aged 17. He claimed income support on the basis that he was unable to support his family one month after his arrival.

In November 1993, the Home Office told him he was in the UK "in a non-economic capacity" and had become a burden on public funds. He was no longer lawfully resident under European law and should leave. Since then he had obtained regular work.

The judge said that the arguments put forward for the men highlighted the increasing contrast between the European Community as an economic entity and the political and constitutional developments represented by the European Union.

It was imperative that there should be "informed debate about these crucial issues and their likely long-term effect on national life before, and not after, they have been embodied in any European treaty".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tories dismiss 25 staff to curb debt

Twenty-five jobs were abolished at Tory Central Office yesterday in an attempt to solve the party's debt crisis. Jeremy Hanley, party chairman, said the cuts were crucial to achieve savings of £1 million. Donations have slumped since the general election and senior Tories believe the shortfall could jeopardise the party's ability to match Labour's election campaign. In 1993 more than 60 staff were dismissed.

Hostages 'alive'

British hostages in Sierra Leone are alive and well as efforts to secure their release continue. Tony Baldry, a Foreign Office Minister, told the Commons yesterday. He confirmed that radio contact had been established with all six on Friday. It had been the first confirmation the men were alive.

Moscow visit

John Major is expected to visit Moscow for the VE-Day celebrations on May 9. He is likely to attend with other European leaders and President Clinton, who has decided against going to the celebrations in London on the previous day. The Prime Minister is also expected to visit Berlin and Paris briefly.

Lords defeat

The Government was defeated by 108 votes to 100 in the Lords last night as peers backed an amendment to the Environment Bill over pollution from abandoned mines. The Government wants to end the exemption whereby pit owners can claim they permitted rather than caused water pollution.

Crisp verdict

The Independent Television Commission has rejected complaints from 23 viewers about a TV commercial in which the former England football captain Gary Lineker takes a packet of Walkers crisps from a small boy. The ruling said it reinforced the message that children should be accompanied.

Gunman knifed

One of the men convicted for the shooting in 1980 of PC Philip Olds, a London officer who committed suicide after being left paralysed, has been stabbed to death during a brawl in the Tumbler public house in Hayes, west London. Leslie Cook, 35, had been jailed for 17 years for unlawful wounding.

Petrol stays

The Transport Department yesterday brushed aside urgent calls from the Commons Transport Select Committee for a ban by the end of next year on the sale of super-unleaded petrol on health grounds. The ministry insisted that emissions from the fuel posed an "exceedingly small risk to health".

Livestock hearing

A week of litigation, that could determine the fate of livestock exports, began in the High Court with Phoenix Aviation and a consortium of farmers and cattle dealers arguing that airports cannot ban flights on public security grounds. A similar challenge to Dover Harbour Board will be heard tomorrow.

Lottery hopefuls

Most heavy spenders on the National Lottery are aged between 25 and 34 and in lower income groups, research shows. In the AB socio-economic groups, 63 per cent have played. In the C2 and D groups, participation is 75 and 81 per cent respectively. Overall, 58 per cent of over-16s play.

Medical body let dentist with Aids stay on register

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

WEEKEND



The case was highlighted in *The Times* in March by a journalist who was one of Dr Advani's patients

A DENTIST suffering from Aids who continued to treat patients was allowed to remain on the dental register after the profession's regulators refused to investigate allegations about his illness.

Dr Vikram Advani treated patients at his private practice in Kensington, west London, for six months after beginning Aids treatment in February 1993. More than 1,300 former patients were contacted in 60 districts and were offered HIV tests after details of his condition became known.

The Times has learnt that the General Dental Council, which has the power to deregister dentists, was told about Dr Advani's condition in August 1993, three months before his death, but declined to act. His illness and the risk to which he had exposed patients became public only after his death. It emerged that he had lied to the hospital consultants treating him, saying he had given up his practice.

Health officials have maintained that they did not know of his condition before his death. However, correspondence obtained by *The Times* shows that the General Dental Council knew he was being treated for Aids. Its informant was an art dealer, Steven Barnes, who had sold Dr Advani a painting on which he had defaulted. Mr Barnes had investigated Dr Advani and discovered his condition.

The council told Mr Barnes that it could not investigate his allegation unless he was prepared to swear an oath before a solicitor. Mr Barnes refused because he feared that he could be sued by Dr Advani if his information, which had come from a dentist who had taken over his practice, turned out to be false.

The requirement of an oath, also operated by the General Medical Council, which registers doctors, is intended to deter mischievous complaints. Mr Barnes said: "I would have been naive to make a sworn statement based on hearsay information, although it was from a reliable dental source. My complaint is that the council should have investigated it."

Despite the allegation, the council issued Dr Advani's annual renewal certificate, which would have allowed him to practise for a further year. By then he was too ill to work.

Mr Barnes took his complaint to the Health Department last January and was interviewed by an official. The following day G. J. F. Podger, for the department, wrote: "We will take up the substantive issue you raise with the General Dental Council."

A spokesman for the department said that a reply was still awaited from the council. "We have to consider whether this was the correct way of going about things," he said.

It emerged after the case came to light that health authorities have no means of monitoring whether dentists are practising privately. The British Dental Association has called for compensation for HIV-infected health workers to encourage them to give up practising.

Norman Davies, registrar of the General Dental Council, said allegations about the physical or mental health of a dentist placed the council in a "very tricky" position. "We are looking at how we can address the matter. There is an issue about what information we acquire to approach the dentist and whether we would be given protection from libel. It is a very difficult situation. Often the person who is sick is the last to admit it."

ALAN WELLER



Julia Allison yesterday: "Never has the college been so close to industrial action"

'Demoralised' midwives to vote on industrial action

By Jeremy Laurance and Lucy Berrington

A MIDWIVES' vote to end their no-strike policy was caused by a demoralising lack of recognition for their "life or death" profession, they said yesterday.

Sally Herbert, 42, a midwife with five years' experience at Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool, said: "Midwives are doing 80 per cent of all births. We should be on a par with consultants: the ballot shows our demoralisation."

Sara Askew, 29, recently qualified in midwifery and working at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, said: "It's a life and death job but the pay does not signify the accountability and responsibility."

More than 16,000 members of the Royal College of Midwives — half the total — returned ballot papers, and 80 per cent voted to end the no-strike policy after 115 years. A second ballot will be held to determine what action to take in pursuit of their pay claim of 3 per cent across the board, rather than the Government's offer of 1 per cent for all and up to 2 per cent to be negotiated locally.

Julia Allison, general secretary of the Royal College of Midwives, said: "Never in its history has the college been so close to industrial action."

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said: "I hope midwives will think long and hard and get involved in local discussions."

Labour considers child benefit tax

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

PLANS to tax child benefit for high earners are now under serious consideration by the Labour leadership as part of a revision of the welfare state.

Senior shadow cabinet members are backing a scheme to tax the payment at 40 per cent where either parent is a top-rate taxpayer. They have rejected a proposal to tax child benefit for basic-rate taxpayers.

However, even restricting the tax to the higher-rate payers could prove electorally damaging. It would affect about a million parents earning more than £30,000.

A working party, set up by Tony Blair to examine proposals by the Social Justice Commission, an independent body set up by the late John Smith to review social policy, is now drawing up a draft paper focusing on child benefit, state pensions and student loans.

The aim is to have policy in each of these areas approved by the party conference in October in case of an early general election. The group, which includes three shadow cabinet members and three members of the party's national executive committee, is split over taxing child benefit. But senior party figures expect it to back the scheme when it reports after Easter.

The Social Justice Commission claimed that £300 million could be raised. This could fund a 60p increase in the universal benefit, now £10.20 a week for the first child, and £8.25 for subsequent children.

Chaired by Donald Dewar, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, the working party is also expected to support the idea of a minimum pension with top-ups for poorer groups and a "learning bank" to pay for higher education financed by the government, the private sector and former students.

☐ Members of the Communication Workers Union voted to keep their political fund, with 85.5 per cent in favour. The postal ballot cost £80,000 to organise, half of which will be paid by the Government.

Tebbit warns of 'German' Budget

By Nicholas Wood

BANKERS in Germany would write Britain's Budget if the Government joined a single European currency, Lord Tebbit claimed last night.

He cited disputes over exports of animals, fishing, border controls and Gerry Adams's legal challenge to anti-terrorist laws as "hammer blows" where ministers had been exposed as powerless in the face of European institutions, or Parliament and the High Court were at the mercy of the "diktats" of the European Court of Justice.

A single currency would reduce the Commons and the Lords to the same level as the monarchy, "part of our traditional pageantry rather than our government". The Chancellor would still produce his red box on Budget Day; the contents would have been faxed from Frankfurt. Just as the Queen did not write her speech in the Lords, so the Chancellor would no longer be responsible for adjusting the nation's accounts.

The former Tory chairman's dire warnings about the threat to national independence posed by the European Union were amplified by Bill Cash, a leading Tory Euro-sceptic, at a rally in Yeovil, Somerset.

Mr Cash, MP for Stafford, said it was time for Britain to stand up for its national interests and for self-government. If current trends continued, the country would have to pull back from the European Union, forming an arms-length relationship with its partners. He told the meeting: "Let us say the unspoken word. We will not be subjected to a German Europe."

As Lord Tebbit renewed his prediction that people would stop obeying laws made abroad, Mr Cash gave a warning that Europe was on the brink of a new descent into fascism. "In Italy, Germany, Austria, even in Belgium, we are witnessing a resurgence of extremist parties. Take away people's democratic rights and their national parliaments ... add centralisation and huge unemployment and you create the perfect conditions in which fascism will thrive and fester".



Tebbit: sovereignty at risk

He called for a "new realistic relationship with Europe" — stronger than associate status of the EU but far less than political union. Britain should refresh its long-standing partnerships with America and the Commonwealth and promote "positive arches" between the continents.

Lord Tebbit attacked those who claimed that sovereignty was an outdated concept. "The falseness of such arguments is exposed once you substitute 'right to govern ourselves' for 'sovereignty'. You do not increase your power to make your own laws by sharing it with 11 or 14 other nations."

Clarke hits back

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he was becoming a liability. "I always expect to be at the centre of the debate, but it does no good whatever for odd members of the party to keep calling for a fresh ideological debate on policies which are settled and committed," he said. "The markets keep looking at the political controversy in Britain. I don't think the few of my colleagues who keep trying to raise the temperature on our relations with Europe to great heights are doing a great deal of good to market confidence."

In spite of the attempts by ministers to counter a renewed outbreak of unrest, the Government faces further trouble today in a Commons vote on the common agricultural policy. With some of the whipless rebels expected to abstain, and the Ulster Unionists again threatening to vote against the Government, ministers are facing the prospect of their majority being cut to single figures for the second time in three weeks.

Business managers have been raising the stakes by making plain that the rebels will harm their chances of returning to the parliamentary party if they revolt tonight. Government sources have pointed out that seven of the nine rebels voted with the Government on the same issue last year.

Mr Clarke, clearly angered by the attack on him, called on the Tories to "stick to a perfectly clear agreement" on the fundamentals of Europe. "We are a coherent and credible governing party because we have an understanding on every aspect of European policy, including the crucial position on the opt-out and economic and monetary union."

Lord Tebbit, the arch Eurosceptic, returned to the fray with a warning that bankers in Germany would write the British Budget if there was a single currency. "If we enter a single currency, Parliament will — like the monarchy — be part of our traditional pageantry rather than our Government," he said in Yeovil.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, seized on Mr Clarke's remarks. He said: "This is the first time that the Chancellor has publicly confessed that splits in the Tory Party are damaging our national economy."

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Skater's family in legal fight to stop 'hurtful' biography

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE family of John Curry *threatened legal action* yesterday over a biography of the ice-skating champion, who died last year of an Aids-related illness after contracting HIV *from a homosexual* partner.

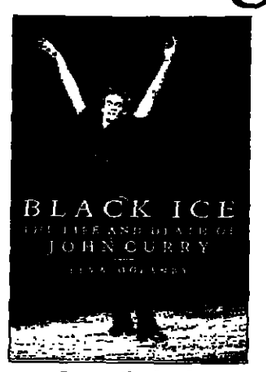
Curry's mother and eldest brother want to stop publication of the book, which claims *that he was involved in drugs and mind-control therapy and* suffered from the eating disorder bulimia nervosa. The family says there are inaccuracies about *Curry's upbringing and* that the book is not an authorised biography, as the publisher has claimed.

Victor Gollancz, the publisher, *said that Elva Oglanby*, the author, "has spoken to all of Curry's close family and friends". Michael Curry, the skater's eldest brother, said *yesterday that the family had* not co-operated with her.

"The book has caused great hurt to the family. It has claimed that my father, who is dead, was an alcoholic and he attacked my mother. This is simply not true," Mr Curry said.

His solicitors have written to Gollancz warning of legal action if *Black Ice. The life and death of John Curry* is published. The book, with a probable print-run of 6,000, is due out on March 30. It is estimated that it would cost *the publisher* £20,000 *if it had* to pulp the title.

Curry's mother, Rita, who nursed the former champion for more than two years before he died last April, has seen a pre-publication copy of the book.



Curry: the book

She said: "It is quite beyond me. I am so angry. The description about his upbringing is totally false."

Mrs Curry said she knew about the impending publication only when she was telephoned by a friend, who was *attending the world champi*onships in Birmingham earlier this month. She was not interviewed by the author.

Early in the book, Ms *Oglanby quotes Curry as say*ing: "I thought our family was close-knit, but looking back now I am shocked by the degree to which we were *isolated from each other."* Mrs Curry said yesterday: "This is not true. We were close as a family."

On the opening page of the book, the author quotes Curry describing his relationship with his brother Michael: "He would tease me unmercifully and devised all sorts of tortures for me. His favourite thing was to dangle me by one arm from an upstairs window and threaten to drop me. The more I screamed, the more he *liked it."* Mr Curry said yesterday: "This is quite simply untrue."

The publisher claims that the book is the result of "hundreds of hours of intimate conversation" with Curry and that Ms Oglanby, a producer of skating shows, "has been involved with the *careers of three of the top* figure-skaters of all time": Curry, winner in the 1976 Olympics, Robin Cousins, 1980 Olympic champion, and *Toller Cranston of Canada*, who was third in the 1976 Games.

Speaking from Toronto, Mr Cranston said yesterday: "I do not regret failing to win *the* Olympic title, when John won *in 1976. However, I do very* much regret meeting Elva Oglanby."

Mr Cranston said *that in* 1977 he agreed an out-of-court *contractual settlement in New* York with Ms Oglanby, although he did subsequently work with her in the 1980s.

Liz Knights, publishing di*rector of Victor Gollancz*, confirmed that the company had received a letter from the family's solicitors and was taking legal advice.

She said: "In the early stages of the book we did use the fact that it was authorised and that the author had spoken to all of Curry's close family and friends. However, this was for members of the trade and had limited circulation. The book itself does not use that form of words."


ROB RATHBONE
Wendy Underwood, a former RAF officer, with her husband Rory, the England Rugby Union star, and their children

Rugby star's wife in MoD case

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE wife of the England rugby star *Rory Underwood claimed yesterday that* she was unfairly dismissed from the RAF after becoming pregnant.

Wendy Underwood, a former flight lieutenant, left the service in 1990. Her *husband is an* RAF pilot.

She said that the Ministry of Defence was guilty of sex discrimination. Mrs Underwood, 33, who became an RAF air traffic controller, said no one had advised her whether she was entitled to maternity allowance or whether she could re-enlist later. She told an industrial tribunal in Nottingham: "Finally, I found out that pregnant women leaving the service were exempt from maternity pay. The RAF wanted to get rid of me as quickly and as cheaply as possible.

"I was told I could not go back in. I felt and still do feel that I had a lot to offer the air force."

Mrs Underwood had told Group Captain Ron Sheldon, commander of her base at RAF Cottesmore in Leicestershire that she would be coming back to rejoin the RAF after having her baby; he replied: "I wouldn't advise it. It's not a good idea." She received a gratuity from the RAF of about £12,000 when she left.

The MoD has faced thousands of claims from former servicewomen forced to leave after becoming pregnant. The MoD has admitted liability under European legislation.

***Mrs Underwood enlisted for six years* in July 1983. She later extended her service by two years. She said that had she not become pregnant she would have served in the RAF for 11 years and signed on for a permanent commission. She said: "I was never told I could go back to the RAF."**

Richard Seabrook, for the MoD, said that had she stayed in the RAF she would have been unable to accompany her husband to international matches and dinners. The case continues.

Cot death mother accused of murder

BY KATE ALDERSON

A MOTHER whose first child died from cot death syndrome murdered her two later babies by smothering them, a court was told yesterday.

Maxine Robinson, 26, walked calmly downstairs in June 1993 and told her husband that their children, Christine, 19 months, and Anthony, five months, were dead. Aidan Marron, QC, for the prosecution, said: "There *was no sign of emotion."*

Mrs Robinson, who denies murder, had acted "remarkably" after pretending to find their bodies, he said. She had *not touched the children or* asked for help before telling her husband: "I think the bairns are dead."

While Peter Robinson tried *frantically to revive the child*ren his wife sat quietly downstairs at their home in Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, Mr Marron said. "She had *not moved. She had not raised* a finger to help."

Victoria, the couple's first child, died from cot death syndrome in June 1989. As a *result Mrs Robinson* was trained by health workers to identify babies suffering from the syndrome or from any other kind of distress.

The jury was told that the night before the babies were smothered Christine had disturbed her mother's sleep. She was teething and had gone to her parents' room. She was still awake at 5am, bouncing on the bed. The trial continues.

Farmer is jailed for plot to kill ex-wife


Claire Harcourt: target

A FARMER who tried to hire two hitmen to murder his former wife was jailed for seven years *yesterday* by Swansea Crown Court.

Geoffrey Morgan, 41, plotted to kill Claire Harcourt, 38, to avoid paying a £137,000 *divorce settlement that might* have forced him to sell his farm. He planned to pay £10,000 to contract killers to murder Miss Harcourt, a nurse, and plant drugs on her, but the men he contacted were detectives known as Ronnie and Joe. Morgan, of Pengallt Farm, near Llandyssul, Dyfed, admitted planning to murder his former wife and *charges of soliciting the offi*cers to carry out the murder. Mr Justice Scott Baker said he was satisfied Morgan had been determined that the plan *went ahead.*

He said Morgan had been obsessed with preserving his farm and the lifestyle of his young daughter, who lived with him. "Regrettably there are those in circulation in modern society only too willing to kill for money. A deterrent sentence is necessary for this type of offence."

Lester Naylor, 52, a self-employed welder of Ashford, Surrey, was jailed for 2½ years after admitting joint conspiracy to murder. Naylor, a friend of Morgan, had earlier been approached to find contract killers and had accepted money, pretending he was in contact with a gang in Liverpool.

Tom Jones, for the prosecution, said Morgan and Miss Harcourt had married in 1975 and divorced in 1991. Although Pengallt Farm and its livestock were worth about £1 million, Morgan had bank overdrafts of more than £200,000.

Mr Jones said Morgan believed Naylor might have access to underworld figures and paid him £4,300. Naylor *said he could use a Liverpool* gang but spent most of the money on himself. He later told Morgan the gang had been arrested for drug dealing *and the money was spent.*

Morgan unwittingly alerted police to his plans when he attempted to recruit hitmen.

Naylor, again acting as *middleman*, was arrested at the Severn Bridge service station when he handed over £1,000 as part payment to "Joe". "Joe" then phoned Morgan and gave him a chance to withdraw, but he refused. Half an hour later Morgan was arrested.

Vicar uses pulpit to deny tales of affair

BY RICHARD DUCE

A VICAR has used his pulpit *to warn gossips not to spread* rumours of an alleged affair between him and a churchwarden.

The Rev Timothy Wilby, 36, six weeks into his post at St Leonard's parish in Preston, Lancashire, decided that he had had enough of stories linking him to Pamela Wrigley, a married woman. Mr Wilby and his wife Hilary have four children.

He said in Sunday's Lent sermon on sin: "If you don't stop talking about me and the churchwarden, I won't give you Communion. If I were a Muslim, I could wish that your fingernails fall out."

***He said later:* "I wanted to quash rumours about myself. I hoped some of the things I said would be taken in a light-hearted manner."**

Some members of the 100-strong congregation were far from amused. One who would not be named said: "We are aware of rumours concerning him, but this type of threat is not on."

Mrs Wrigley said: "We are not having an affair. I have never been with him without his wife being there as well." A spokesman for the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev Alan Chesters, said: "There is no truth in the rumour whatsoever."

Dead mountaineer should have been on easier course

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE mother of a young doctor killed in a mountaineering accident broke down yesterday when her daughter's shattered climbing helmet was produced in court.

Dingwall Sheriff Court, in Highland, was told that Margaret Herd's daughter Katharine, 28, who died from head injuries suffered in an avalanche while on a climbing course, had originally been signed up for an easier winter *walking course* on a different mountain but had switched at the last minute.

Dr Robin Dawson, 27, told the fatal accident inquiry that *the exhilarating* winter climb in the Torridon mountains in Wester Ross in January last year ended in tragedy as he and his climbing companions were engulfed by the avalanche.

Dr Dawson, 27, said he lay for five hours with a broken

The group of four, including 17-year-old Marcus Cross and *Kevin O'Neill*, 40, the instructor, were climbing the 3,458ft mountain Liathach when the accident happened.

He suddenly became aware of the snow moving beneath him. "The first I noticed it seemed to be spindrift but it seemed to get more and then it came to the stage it knocked me off my feet. I remember feeling smothered."

Dr Dawson lost consciousness and when he came to he was back at the bottom of the 1,000ft gully they were climbing and had severe pain in his back. He said he was aware of Mr Cross attending to Dr Herd and he could hear her *groaning. Mr Cross* also made Dr Dawson comfortable before setting off to raise the alarm.

Dr Dawson said that just before they started the climb, Mr O'Neill had carried out a test to establish the avalanche danger. The instructor had told them he estimated the danger was low to medium and felt it was safe.

Mr Cross told the inquiry that after the fall he had seen Mr O'Neill high above them. He said: "I called out to Kevin. He was standing and kneeling *down. Then he was just sitting* there."

Mr Cross said when he got to Dr Herd, from Cruden Bay, Grampian, he saw a hole in *her helmet and blood coming* out. There was blood bubbling from her mouth. After clearing her airway he checked Dr Dawson before going for help.

At the start of his evidence Mr O'Neill, from Cumbria, said that unlike Alpine resorts, no legal qualifications were needed in Scotland for instructors and mountain guides, although he was a qualified *mountain guide. The inquiry* continues.

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Survivor of riverboat disaster recalls panic

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SURVIVOR of the *Marchioness* disaster yesterday spoke of the moment when he realised the boat was about to be hit by the dredger *Bowbelle*.

During a harrowing day of testimony at the second inquest into the tragedy that claimed 51 lives on the Thames in August 1989, Jonathan Phang said he had been alerted by Timothy Blake, who did not survive. "Tim grabbed my hand and said 'Get over to the side of the boat' and pointed out of the window." Mr Phang told the inquest. "We could see the *Bowbelle* coming towards us. As the *Bowbelle* was about to hit us, I saw two men running down to the bow. They weren't waving and I didn't see them shout. They looked panic-stricken."

Mr Phang and Mr Blake were at the bar on the top deck of the *Marchioness* while their friends were enjoying a disco below. Mr Phang, a models' agent, who had helped to organise the midnight party on the boat, was to be trapped under water as the *Marchioness* rolled over.

Mr Phang said: "The boat started to capsize. All the glass in the windows burst and water started flooding in. The next thing I knew, I was submerged and I fell out of the window — I don't really know how I got into the water.

"I was trapped in the water. Something was on top of my chest. When that lifted off I turned round, and popped up. The currents were very strong. One moment people were all around me and then they were scattered."

A piece of driftwood came by. He and two others grabbed it, but it was not big enough to support all three. "Then a beer barrel floated by and I grabbed hold of it." Mr Phang said he drifted under two bridges in the currents and was getting extremely cold.

He even passed police boats racing to the scene of the collision. Eventually he realised he was passing close to a piece of equipment used to trap driftwood, with other survivors on it. He was able to grab it and was helped up.

Another pleasure boat, the *Hurlingham*, came alongside and he and fellow survivors were pulled through its windows. Questioned by the West London Coroner, Dr John Burton, he said no one had given them any safety instructions on what to do if the boat sank. No one pointed out any lifejackets or other equipment.

The man and woman who ran the bar of the *Marchioness*, and have since married, told how they were separated by hundreds of feet of swirling water. Pauline Walters said she was swept through Southwark Bridge, finding the tide too strong for her to grab anything, and then managed to clamber on to a wooden panel. A passenger boat, the *Royal Princess*, went past and someone threw life-rings, but they were swept away.

Adrian Walters said: "When I came up I couldn't see anybody, all I could see were balloons and debris. I was shouting Pauline's name. She answered, but was right on the other side of the river." He was swept into a rubbish barge, joining other survivors. The hearing continues.



Mr Phang, soon after the *Marchioness* sank

MARTIN BEDDALL



John Panvert at his restored oast house. The local council says that it must be returned to its ruined state, below, to protect the Green Belt

Oast restorer takes local dispute to Strasbourg

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

ONE man's seven-year campaign to prevent a restored oast house from being turned back into a ruin moves to the European Commission of Human Rights this week.

John Panvert, 48, a former jockey at the Queen Mother's stables, is contesting the orders of a local council. He bought the 200-year-old Kettleshill Oast House at Under River, Kent, in 1987 and renovated it for use as a stable.

A National Hunt permit trainer, he wants to keep four racehorses there, exercising them in the grounds of Knowle Park, a quarter of a mile away.

Sevenoaks District Council, although admitting the restored building is "very attractive", says that it must be demolished in the national interest. The council argues that allowing the conversion to remain would set a dangerous planning precedent.

When Mr Panvert, an electrical engineer, bought the derelict twin-towered oast house and its adjoining barn for £12,000, it had long fallen into decay and was largely overgrown. The 1987 hurricane almost wrecked it and substantial work was needed to make it safe.

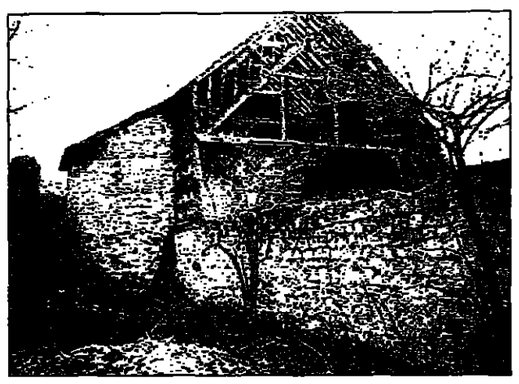
Mr Panvert said that he started rebuilding without realising that planning permission was needed to restore an existing building.

In 1989 he had just raised the roof timbers on to the towers and had restored the barn to roof level when Sevenoaks served an enforcement notice ordering him to pull down everything that he had done.

He appealed and won the right to leave the restored parts. Mr Panvert continued to rebuild, finishing the roofs and topping the oasts with white wooden cowls. In 1992 Sevenoaks ordered him to take off the roofs. Doing all the legal work himself, he appealed, lost a planning inquiry, went to the Court of Appeal and lost again.

At the end of last year he was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. With the British legal procedures exhausted, Sevenoaks told him in January that he had to pull down the renovations. He applied for planning permission to use the building as stables but that too was rejected.

Last weekend he sent the entire file to Strasbourg. "This is a contravention of my human rights," he said. "I have done nothing wrong but I have been singled out. Sevenoaks are terrified that I am going to turn this into a dwelling and they keep changing the rules. They moved the goalposts and now they've taken away the ball."



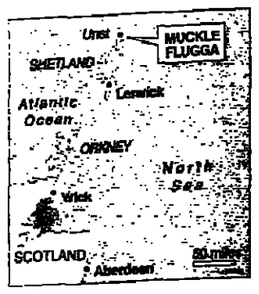
Jeff Gaynor, Sevenoaks planning director, agreed that the renovation was attractive and in perfect keeping with its surroundings. But he said that the council could not allow a ruin to be converted into a building with a use.

"We are facing a major problem here of creeping suburbanisation that is destroying the Green Belt, the next best thing to a national park," Mr Gaynor said. "If people are allowed to resurrect dead buildings just to overcome planning restrictions, it could become a major issue.

"If we don't take action to stop this it would set a precedent that would put Green Belts everywhere in England under threat.

"We are dealing with a matter of major principle and nobody who loves the countryside would thank us if we let Mr Panvert get away with this."

NEWS IN BRIEF



Computers take over Shetland lighthouse

Britain's most northerly island lost its last inhabitants yesterday as the lighthouse on Muckle Flugga, Shetland, became fully automated. It had been continuously manned for 138 years.

The lighthouse's computers will be controlled from Edinburgh, via the RAF radar station at Saxa Vord, Shetland. There are 11 manned lighthouses left in Scotland and these will be fully automated by 1998.

Ronald Birnie, retiring principal lightkeeper at Muckle Flugga, said he would miss it: "It's not everywhere you can have seals, gannets and puffins for neighbours."

Thieves' haul

Lorry thefts cost hauliers more than £1.6 billion a year, the RAC says. Some 4,000 are stolen each year, either for their cargoes or for parts. Seven out of ten haulage firms said they had suffered theft or vandalism, yet small firms spend an average of only £1,000 a year on security.

Costly warning

A man who flashed his headlights to warn drivers of a speed-trap was fined £150 by Leicester magistrates. Leslie Cowley, 48, a company director from Narborough, admitted obstructing the police. Afterwards he said: "They could better spend their time catching real criminals."

Ospreys invited

Five telegraph poles with platforms on top are being set up at Rutland Water in Leicestershire in the hope of persuading passing ospreys to nest. The osprey returned as a breeding species to Scotland in the 1950s but no breeding has been recorded in England this century.

Statue beheaded

Two figures seated on a bench in a bronze sculpture by Henry Moore have been beheaded. The sculpture, *King and Queen*, has overlooked the Glenkiln reservoir near Dumfries for more than 30 years. It is part of an open-air art gallery established by the landowner, Tony Keswick.

Blue Peter boost

Blue Peter is to increase its output from two to three episodes a week next month. It will be screened on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The children's programme, launched in 1958, is also to transmit weekly pages and games on the Internet, the worldwide computer network.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Claire Taylor, convicted at the Central Criminal Court of an offence of child cruelty against her infant son (report, December 22) did not, in her evidence, blame David Larkin (convicted separately for cruelty to the same child) for the baby's death. Nor did he, in his evidence, blame her.

☐ The 1995 cost of the European Union's common fisheries policy (leading article, March 14) is £696.2 million.



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RSPCA 'spies' uncover quail fighting in Britain

BY EDWARD GORMAN

IMMIGRANTS from Pakistan and northern India have imported quail fighting into Britain, according to the RSPCA, whose undercover inspectors have been investigating cock fighting.

The society also said yesterday that a steady flow of instructional videos and equipment for cock fighting was being sent from abroad, suggesting that the illegal practice may be on the increase. A raid by police and inspectors on a cock fight in Co Durham on Sunday resulted in the arrests of six men.

Hamish Rogers, an officer in the society's special operations unit based at Horsham, West Sussex, said quail fighting had come to the unit's attention only in the past two years. Birmingham, where many Kashmiri immigrants live, was a known centre. In a recent case the society seized 68 quail and a large quantity of equipment for fighting. A Kashmiri man was arrested but was given police bail and fled to Pakistan before he could be taken to court.

Mr Rogers said quail, which were much smaller than cockerels, could be very aggressive. Inspectors attempting to tackle the problem also faced a cultural barrier. "Quail fighting is a very common tradition in Kashmir," Mr Rogers said. "There is a cultural influence at work which makes things very difficult for us."

Sunday's raid on an allotment shed at Kelloe, the result of a tip-off, could lead to the first successful prosecutions for cock fighting for ten years. Police and the society rarely receive information in advance to enable them to intervene while a fight is in progress.



The quail: aggressive

There is no doubt that fighting is taking place on a regular basis throughout the country. The police, customs and the society regularly seize videos from America and Mexico showing either cock fights or instructional material on preparing birds for combat. Officers have also seized cock-fighting manuals and spurs. Under British law it is not an offence to possess spurs as long as they are not used in fighting.

Mr Rogers appealed to the public to help in bringing convictions. He said he and his colleagues were aware that providing high-quality information could be potentially dangerous for informants and that intimidation of people who might approach the authorities was a problem.

He said the society and the police treated tip-offs in the strictest confidence and considered very carefully the potential consequences to an informant before proceeding.

"What we would really like is any information that is going to enable us to catch people in the act," Mr Rogers said. "That would make the chances of a successful prosecution so much better."

Checkout produces weighty problem

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

WORKING on a supermarket checkout may damage your health, scientists at the Health and Safety Executive laboratory in Sheffield have found. They have been using high-tech equipment to measure the effect of sitting or standing at a checkout and shifting as much as eight tons of merchandise a day across the barcode readers.

"It's too soon to say that checkouts definitely are harmful," Mike Grey, of the executive, said yesterday at a Science Week launch in London. "We are comparing various ways the job can be done to see which causes the least stress and strain." In particular, the executive has studied preferred by shops because they are less easily damaged, cause the operator more stress than horizontal ones.

There are 200,000 people working on checkouts, including many older people. "There's a lot of new technology in the industry" Mr Gray said. "People are likely to be suffering if we don't get the designs right."

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Rock four billion years old indicates 80C temperature and water flowing on the surface

Martian meteorite shows glimmer of life on Red Planet

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A METEORITE from Mars has renewed speculation that life could have evolved on the Red Planet. Scientists have found that the rock, codename Allan Hills 84001 and believed to have come from Mars after the planet collided with an asteroid, contains complex organic molecules thought to be the precursors of basic life forms.

Mars today is a bitterly cold place apparently bereft of life, but the meteorite from the planet's crust, which was found in Antarctica, has been dated as being 4.5 billion years old.

Dr Monica Grady of the Natural History Museum in London, who has been studying the rock, said yesterday: "There is strong evidence there was water on Mars, carbon dioxide and possibly nitrogen as ammonia. So you have got the basic building blocks. It is not surprising if organic molecules were produced."

The molecules, known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, have been detected by scientists at the Johnson Space Centre and Stanford University in America using sophisticated laser techniques.

The discovery of the first complex organic molecules in Martian meteorites will increase interest in the Mars Pathfinder mission to send a spacecraft to the surface of the planet in 1997. The Viking lander of 1976 failed to find similar evidence because, researchers believe, conditions were not suitable for their formation. The new finding suggests that they are there or that they once existed and have since been destroyed.

Whether the molecules went on to yield life forms remains speculation. Dr Grady said the levels of ultraviolet light hitting the planet were too high to sustain life as we knew it. High ultraviolet light would have sterilised the surface.

"But then again it only sterilises the outer layer. So you never know what might be going on beneath the crust," she said.

Some researchers believe that if life evolved and survived on Mars it would not have been in the soil, baked and frozen into sterility, but in the rocks themselves where basic life forms had burrowed for safety. New missions to Mars may solve this riddle.

The discovery that Mars once had organic molecules is the result of elaborate detective work on the 1.9kg rock since it was identified as being from the planet in 1984. An analysis of carbonates in the meteorite, reported in *Nature* last December by Dr Grady and colleagues, indicates that the Martian temperature was once between 0C and 80C with water flowing on the surface.

The meteorite was named after the site in Antarctica where it was found. It is believed to have fallen on the ice more than 12,000 years ago and was identified as a rarity only two years ago.

Dr Everett Gibson, a senior research scientist at Johnson, said yesterday that they had now used laser analysis to lift off more complex chemicals. "For the first time we have found complex hydrocarbon species. But this does not mean they are related to life. It is too early and not all the pieces are in place yet."

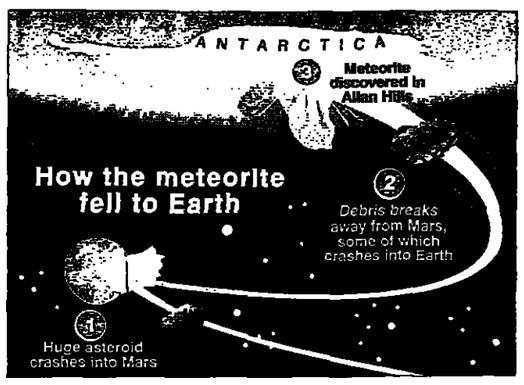
About 11 meteorites believed to have come from Mars, the result of a collision with an asteroid or other large body, have been found. Scientists know they are from Mars because they contain pockets of glass carrying the same gases that make up the Martian atmosphere. Whether meteorites from other planets are on Earth is unknown. Dr Grady believes it is possible that ones from Venus may be here but have been "mistaken for something else".

She said: "Jupiter and Saturn are made of gas and Neptune, Uranus and Pluto are mostly ice. So we have no real idea what to look for."

SIMON WALKER



Dr Grady with a piece of the meteorite that is thought to have crashed into Antarctica about 12,000 years ago



Racists attack choirboys

BY KATE ALDERSON

CHOIRBOYS have been attacked by Asian youths in what their headmaster called a "scandalous racial attack". Ten teenage pupils from The Hulme Grammar School at Oldham, Greater Manchester, were attacked by the 12 teenagers as they broke from choir practice to go to a sweet shop on Sunday afternoon.

The gang's weapons included hammers and a sharp instrument. Four of the boys were injured and two were taken to hospital.

Superintendent Arthur Critchley of Greater Manchester Police said: "We can confirm that the assault was racially motivated." Police said there had been other attacks by Asian gangs on white youths in recent months but none as severe.

Charles Sykes, 15, was recovering at home after being given stitches for three head wounds and a knife wound to his thigh. Another 15-year-old was treated in hospital after being hit on the side of the head with a hammer.

Geoffrey Dunkin, head of the £3,426-a-year independent school, said the hammer victim "could have been murdered. This was a scandalous, unprovoked attack which was obviously racially motivated. My pupils were attacked by Asians behaving like neo-Nazis and fascists."



Alexander: 42 stitches

Police dog savages boy

BY KATE ALDERSON

A BOY aged 12 needed plastic surgery and 42 stitches to his head and after a police dog savaged him on his way to a football match.

Northumbria Police have begun an investigation into the attack, which happened after Alexander May stroked the eight-year-old German shepherd while his father stopped to talk to its handler, whom he knew, as they walked to Newcastle United's ground on Sunday afternoon. The dog, which was on a lead, pinned the boy to the ground and bit his face several times before the handler pulled it away. The dog, named Rocky, was destroyed.

Alexander, from Whitley Bay, had extensive surgery for four deep wounds. His parents are to consider suing the police force.

Alexander said yesterday: "I patted and stroked the dog's head for a few seconds but as I took my head away it jumped at me. I felt its jaws clamp around my face and then it shook me off my feet."

Peter May, 47, said that his son had been in a terrible state. "It is obvious there was something wrong with this dog for it to behave the way it did. It is far too dangerous to have these dogs mingling with members of the public. Imagine if Alexander had been a smaller child."

Peace puts millions on MoD's tax bill

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence is facing extra VAT bills of millions of pounds because military equipment bought abroad is to be used in Britain rather than Germany.

The ministry has fallen foul of a rule that allows equipment bought overseas to be exempt from VAT if it is to be used outside this country.

Some equipment that was to have been deployed in Germany is to be brought to Britain because of the end of the Cold War and the withdrawal of more than 30,000 British troops from Germany.

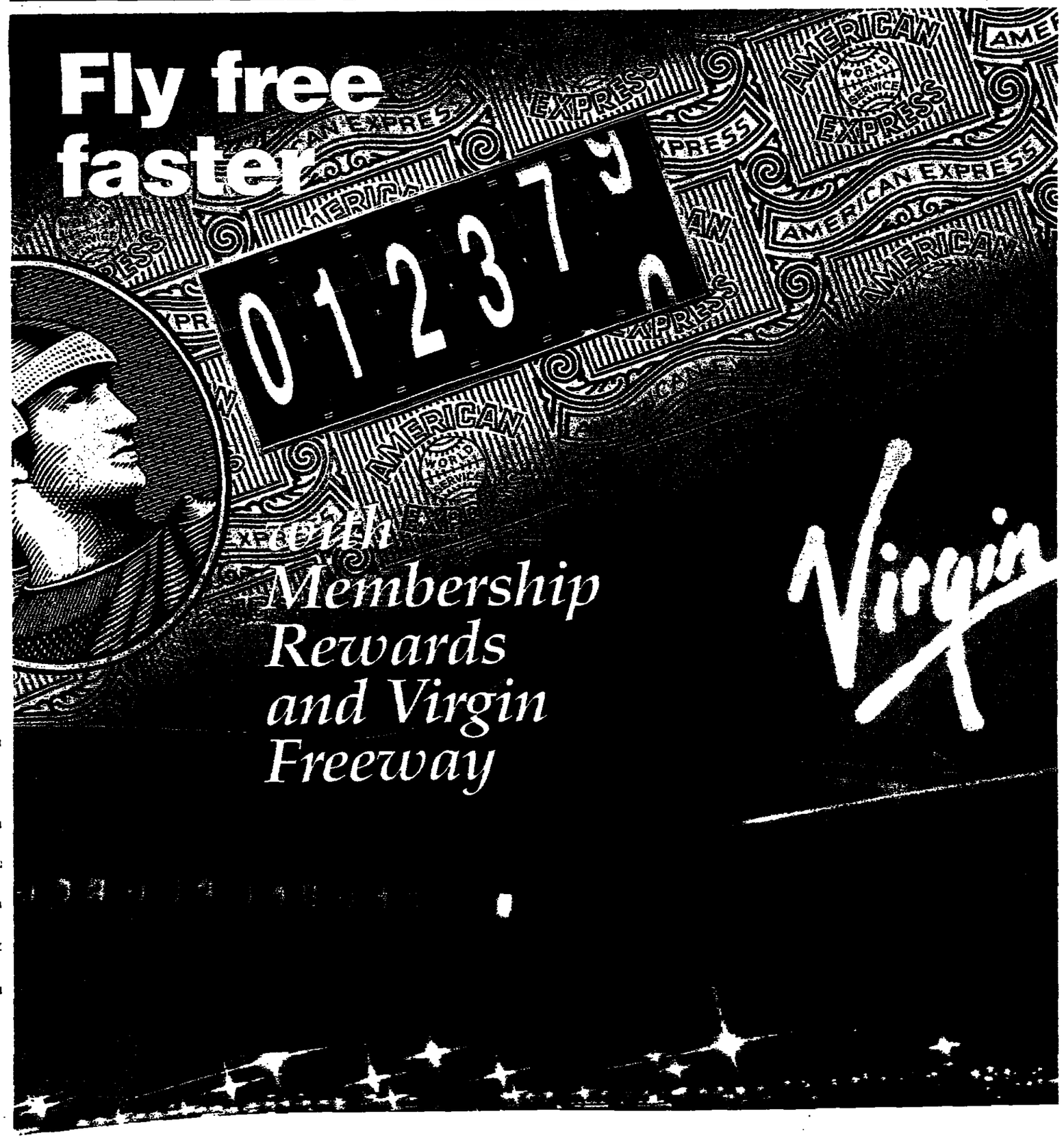
One new piece of equipment affected is the Cobra counter-battery radar system, being developed with France and Germany. It was to have been based in Germany but is now to be deployed in Britain. The MoD will have to pay £15 million in VAT because some Cobra parts will be made in Germany and France.

The extra bill, plus a £15 million increase in production costs because of exchange-rate variations, has forced the MoD to reconsider the cost of the radar system. The total production cost is not known.

The MoD is also concerned because demand for Cobra has fallen. When the specifications were drawn up in 1983, the three countries intended to buy up to 70 of the systems. The ministry has admitted that the number has dropped to fewer than 30, and there is speculation that the eventual figure could be as low as 15, raising the possibility of a big rise in the price of each radar system.

Britain has already contributed £63 million towards Cobra, 20 per cent of the total development cost of £315 million.

The only military items always zero-rated for VAT, whether built in Britain or abroad, are combat aircraft and warships, including submarines. Other equipment made in Britain attracts VAT "like any other goods or services", the MoD said.



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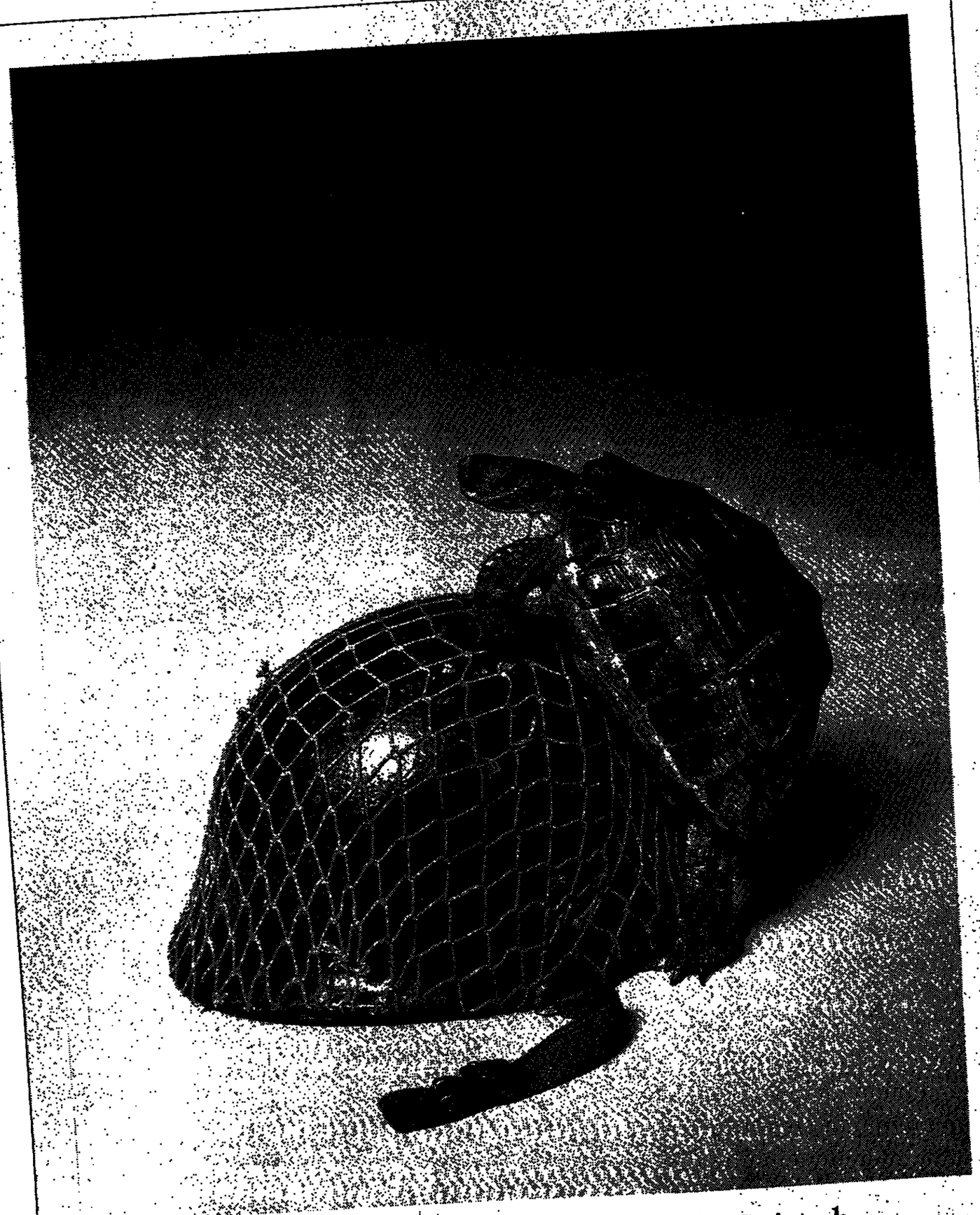
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Disruption undermines showpiece technology college

Six children suspended after revolt shuts school

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SIX schoolchildren were suspended yesterday after a revolt over the threatened loss of a popular teacher.

Bob Pope, principal of Battersea Technology College, south London, took action in an attempt to restore discipline after protests by hundreds of pupils. Lessons were disrupted for four days last week and police were called after the first council-funded technology college descended into anarchy. Pupils aged from 11 to 16 refused to attend lessons and marauded through the college after a demonstration.

The incident puts in jeopardy the future of the 500-pupil school. The college, which has received more than £2.2 million from Wandsworth council to specialise in technology, was judged to be failing last year by government inspectors. A team from the Office for Standards in Education is monitoring its progress before Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, decides whether to send a "hit squad" to take over, order closure or allow it to stay open.

The disruption began last Monday when pupils heard that Jim Covington, the swimming instructor, risked losing his job as part of a restructuring plan. They presented a petition in his defence to Mr Pope, who closed the college for the day after pupils walked out of a meeting chanting slogans and spraying graffiti.

An attempt to reopen the school was abandoned on Tuesday after troublemakers repeatedly set off fire alarms. Only the oldest pupils were admitted on Wednesday before the college finally reopened to all children on Friday.

Mr Pope, who was appointed in January after being headhunted by the Conservative-controlled council, sent a letter to parents in which he blamed a handful of students for the decision to send home



Pope: blamed revolt on handful of pupils

pupils for a second successive day: "I will not tolerate the sort of indiscipline experienced and I will take whatever steps are necessary in order that children may proceed uninterrupted with their education."

He said that Mr Covington had not been sacked but that his post was affected by a reorganisation of responsibilities in which teachers would have to reapply for their jobs. "No decisions have yet been taken on Mr Covington's future by the governors. When the time comes they will, I am sure, look very carefully at the views expressed by students."

The Office for Standards in Education said: "Our inspectors will want to see whether this was a one-off that can be avoided in future or an indication that the school is out of control."

Eamonn O'Kane, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said its members at the college were considering a ballot on strike action in protest at the reorganisation. Julia Alterman, secretary of the National Union of Teachers branch in Wandsworth, said that teachers had to reapply for their jobs two years ago in a previous reorganisation. "This is the last thing that Battersea Technology College needed. Staff morale is very low."

JAMES MORGAN



Campaigners say rules to ensure children wear seatbelts in minibuses are not enough

Minibus test urged for teachers

PARENTS of children killed in the M40 minibus crash helped to launch a campaign for compulsory training and licensing for teachers who drive school vehicles.

Last week the Government announced compulsory fitting of seatbelts in minibuses and coaches used by children. But parents and safety groups are concerned that volunteer drivers are excluded from European licensing regulations due next year.

Under the proposals, only new drivers would have to take a further test for minibus driving. Existing drivers would be able continue to drive minibuses with up to 16 seats without any checks.

Yesterday Tony Misiolek and Andrew Gunn, who each lost a daughter in the M40 accident in 1993, which claimed 13 lives, joined the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers to launch the School Safe Campaign. "I am concerned about preventing accidents happening as well as protecting those involved in crashes," Mr Misiolek said.

Porter's role in surgery defended

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

HEALTH officials yesterday defended the use of a hospital porter in a hip replacement operation. Dave Gooby, 35, was asked by a surgeon at Newham General Hospital, east London, to help to manipulate a patient's leg.

Mr Gooby, a theatre orderly, was required to scrub up and to wear a sterile surgical gown for his role in the operation after a junior doctor had been called to a case in the accident and emergency department.

The hospital began an inquiry after receiving a complaint about Mr Gooby's involvement. A spokesman for North Thames Regional Health Authority said that the inquiry had concluded that his involvement was "quite appropriate" and that he had been properly supervised.

Theatre orderlies "do this kind of thing when the surgical team need a pair of hands to pull or push the leg in one direction or another. There was nothing remarkable or untoward about it."

Fee proposal for access to public records dropped

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor has withdrawn a controversial plan to charge for admission to the Public Record Office after a strong protest by Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls.

Sir Thomas, the country's most senior civil judge, told Lord Mackay of Clashfern that charging people to see a "great treasure house of national archives" would be a retrograde step. About 800-900 people a day visit the office on its two sites at Kew and Chancery Lane, London.

Charges would have been introduced on a scale, with reduced fees for students and senior citizens, and it is likely more than £500,000 a year could have been raised.

The two sites contain 93 miles of shelves holding documents on more than 900 years of history, starting with the Domesday Book. Sir Thomas lodged his objections as chairman of the Advisory Council on Public Records, which advises on what documents should be released under the 30-year rule. Sir Thomas said: "We did not oppose charges for car parking, use of the copying machine, things like that, but we did very strongly represent that to charge for coming to look at the great documents of our history and heritage would be a retrograde act."

To impose charges for those wanting to study public records would put a particular burden on young scholars, who were least able to pay.

There were also practical objections: the Public Record Office is in the process of moving its Chancery Lane records to Kew. It would therefore be a "particularly bad time to start any question of charging because there was bound to be some disruption".

A spokeswoman for the Public Record Office said the admission charges had been considered as a response to the Lord Chancellor's Department. She confirmed that a decision had been taken not to impose charges for at least the next two to three years.

Man denies murder in sex cinema blaze

A DEAF man thrown out of a pornographic cinema club in London after a row with the doorman took his revenge 30 minutes later by setting it alight with petrol and killing 11 men, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

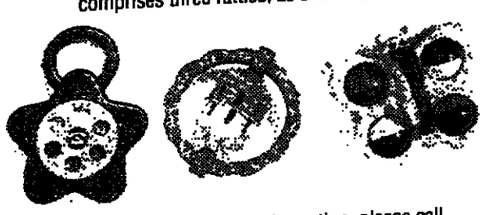
David Lauwers, who had been drinking, allegedly set fire to the New City cinema in Smithfield after an argument over the entrance fee. People in the audience leapt out of windows, climbed on to ledges and jumped on to a lorry parked outside.

Mr Lauwers, a pattern cutter in a clothing factory and of no fixed address, was accompanied by a sign-language interpreter in the dock. He has pleaded not guilty to three counts of murder on February 26 last year and two of arson. The case continues.

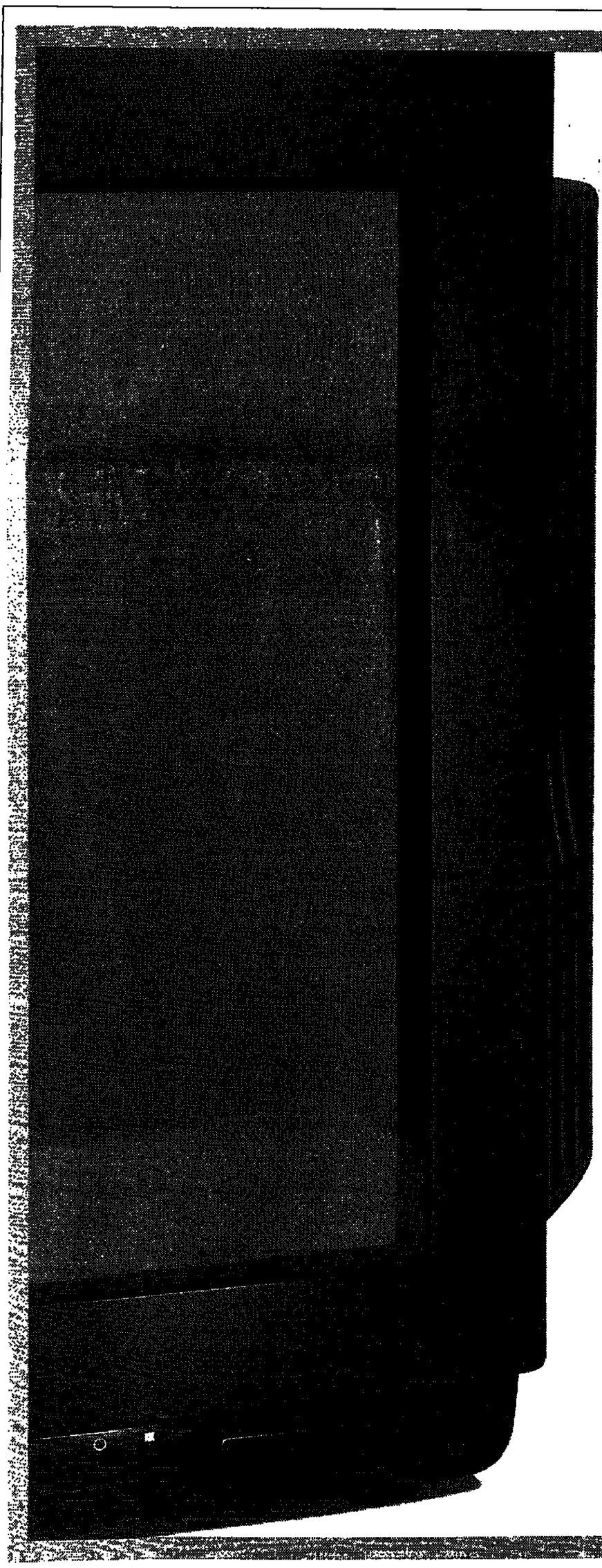
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MPs blame ministers for 'appalling story' of maladministration, anxiety and distress

Fathers wronged by CSA may get cash compensation

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Child Support Agency is considering paying compensation to those caused anxiety or distress by its errors. The move follows a damning report by MPs that blamed government ministers for many of the agency's problems.

At present the CSA compensates only those caused financial loss by error or delay. But the cross-party report demands that compensation be paid automatically to wrongly identified fathers and that the CSA should make discretionary payments for "worry and distress" to others with genuine grievances. A CSA spokesman said yesterday that the agency was considering the recommendation and would respond within a few weeks.

A comprehensive compensation programme would cause even further shortfalls in the CSA's budget targets. In its first year the agency was expected to save the taxpayer £530 million but managed only £418 million.

In a catalogue of "incompetence" on the part of the agency, set up to track down absent fathers and make them pay maintenance, the Commons Select Committee on the Ombudsman accused it of wrongly identifying missing parents, poor procedures, failing to answer letters, giving bad or wrong advice and subjecting families to long and stressful delays.

The report said that the failures of the CSA were the direct responsibility of ministers who were too easily satisfied with assurances given by officials. They had failed to learn from the earlier disastrous introduction of the Disability Living Allowance and had not reacted swiftly enough when it was obvious that were going wrong.

The report said: "We are in no doubt that the maladministration of the CSA cannot be divorced from the responsibility of ministers for the framework within which it operated. Ministers should have reacted more quickly to the situation as the problems became apparent."

However, Alistair Burt, the junior Social Security Minister and the man in the firing line of the committee's criticisms, said: "Once you get into the live running of something as complex as this you did find matters that went wrong that could not have been anticipated before," he said. "Of course, we are duty bound to learn lessons from that but a great deal of effort and forethought did go in."

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The Tory MP James Pawsey, the committee's chairman, was scathing about the agency. On BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme he said: "Throughout the CSA's history there has been a very sad catalogue of maladministration. It is an appalling story, frankly. The running of the CSA leaves an enormous amount to be desired. There were grotesque failures in administration."

The committee said 70 men — out of 207,000 sent maintenance inquiry forms this year — had been wrongly accused of being absent fathers and must be compensated. "There can be no doubt that an error of identification must be greatly distressing given the sensitive nature of the CSA's work."

But the CSA also had a duty to act efficiently and capably and if its failures caused worry and distress to others the Department of Social Security should be "flexible and humane enough" to make discretionary payments. "The compensation payments made to November 1994 — £1,148 — are grossly inadequate when set against the scale of maladministration," the report said.

Staff training was inadequate "and the CSA should have known that". Many of the 5,000 staff had received only six weeks' training in the CSA's "exceedingly complicated" procedures.

The report recognised that the CSA had succeeded in tracing 58,000 parents whose whereabouts were unknown and several hundred thousand who were not paying maintenance. But the complex formula used to work out payments led to "widespread mistakes" characterised by an emphasis on saving money rather than the quality of service. "Targets should place efficient service to the public before savings to the Treasury," the report said.

Mike Pimblott, of the Network Against the Child Support Act, said: "This is just the latest in a long line of official reports, all of them highly critical of the CSA. Its message is clear: the CSA must go."

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Donald Dewar, left, who told Peter Lilley that the Child Support Agency had been a "bruising experience"

Lilley defends 'improving' agency

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PETER LILLEY admitted yesterday that there had been substantial administrative problems with the Child Support Agency but said that it was now back on track.

The Social Security Secretary refused to accept all the findings of the Commons Select Committee on the Ombudsman, which criticised the CSA and blamed ministers for a "catalogue of incompetence".

Mr Lilley said: "After a slow start the agency is now improving its performance month by month. Next year the agency expects to collect or arrange a total of £300 million of maintenance and the total savings are expected to amount to £540 million."

Speaking in the second reading debate on the CSA Bill, which aims to rectify some of the main criticisms. Mr Lilley told MPs that neither side of the House or the press had forseen the huge wave of critisicm from absent parents.

The Bill provides for recognition of "clean-break" settlements and includes an appeal system to allow departures from the much-criticised rigid financial formula for setting maintenance payments.

Mr Lilley said no one should forget that two-parent families were having to pay £1,400 a year to support lone parents. "However good the system — and we are determined that ours should improve in every respect — a CSA is like a lightning conductor in a thunderstorm." He promised that the Bill would go a long way to rectifying grievances while ensuring that children would receive more maintenance more regularly.

Donald Dewar, Shadow Social Security Secretary, acknowledged that limited progress had been made but said that most targets were still being missed. The CSA had been "a bruising and a bad experience and at times it has looked little short of being a disaster area".

Welcoming the ombudsman's report, he said: "It lays foundations for its accusations with a great deal of evidence of bad advice, maladminstration and delay." He then called for proper compensation for those who had suffered unnecessarily. "It is quite remarkable that by the end of January 1995 financial redress had been made in only 34 cases. That seems to me to be totally, totally unsatisfactory."

Liz Lynne, for the Liberal Democrats, condemned the Bill as only "tinkering at the edges" and said the CSA was beyond repair. "It doesn't go far enough. It doesn't have the support of absent parents or parents with care. It's about time you decided to repeal the Act and start from the beginning."

Mr Lilley retorted: "The Liberal Democrats suddenly want to go back to the days of inadequate maintenance arrangements, when even the cost of pet food was considered a higher priority in settlements than supporting one's own child."

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Hanley produces sleaze dossier

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

JEREMY HANLEY renewed his attack on Labour councils yesterday with the publication of a dossier outlining allegations of corruption.

But the Tory party chairman ran into trouble again by criticising Labour councillors for giving jobs to relatives despite his admission that he had once employed members of his family at the Commons.

Listing several "allegations of corruption", the dossier said that councillors at Monklands council in Scotland had given jobs to at least 40 relatives. Mr Hanley said this was "totally different" from his wife and two sons being employed at Westminster. "The practice of MPs' families helping them in the House of Commons is long-established and indeed highly desirable," he told a press conference.

Mr Hanley has won little support for his faltering attack on Labour councils, a key part of the Tory local election campaign. But he said: "I am certain that not only the Prime Minister but also the Cabinet support me in this campaign."

The dossier, *Labour's Rotten Boroughs*, and comprised chiefly a list of newspaper reports of alleged corruption at Monklands, Corby, Tameside, Lambeth, Haringey and South Tyneside.

Mr Hanley backed away from his much-criticised claim last week that all Labour councils tended to be corrupt. He said corruption meant a lot more than illegality and did not necessarily mean that all Labour councillors "had their hands in the till".

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said: "In a desperate attempt to head off the rising tide of criticism Jeremy Hanley has released a dossier of lies distortions and irrelevancies." The Tory party chairman needed some advice: "When in a hole, stop digging".

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Brown: "Minority at top are making millions"

Labour attacks 'unfair' tax regime

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TAX changes that come into effect next month will leave the typical family more than £1,000 a year worse off compared with last April, Gordon Brown said yesterday.

The shadow Chancellor said the cut from 25 per cent to 15 per cent in mortgage interest relief and a reduction to 15 per cent in the married couples' allowance would add about £210 a year in tax and mortgage payments. For a family on average earnings this would bring the total increase in taxes and mortgage payments since April to £1,064.

The income of the ten highest paid utility bosses had risen by £1,000 a week during the same period, Mr Brown said. "This is staggering evidence of the new divide in Britain between the tiny privileged minority at the top who are making millions under the Conservatives and the vast majority who are worse off."

Mr Brown added that homeowners also faced paying hundreds of pounds in private unemployment insurance as a result of proposals to cut mortgage help for the unemployed. Mortgage insurance would cost up to £280 per year for a typical homeowner.

Labour is trying to secure Tory support to oppose the cut in mortage help when it is debated in the Commons in May. Mr Brown said: "Falls in living standards show why there is no feel-good factor, but a feel-insecure and a feel-betrayed factor."

He said that the ten highest paid utility directors earned an average of £302,000 a year, or £5,808 a week, in the year to April 1993, and saw their basic salary rise to £356,000 a year, or £6,855 a week, in the year to April 1994.

Strong case for vetting of job-hunting ex-ministers

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Nothing says more about the current gloom among members of the Government than their fears about the Nolan inquiry. They are worried not about appointments to quangos or MPs' links with lobbyists. Rather, what is getting ministers agitated is whether the inquiry will suggest tight rules on what they can do when they leave office. At a full day session today, the committee is hoping to reach at least preliminary conclusions on the main issues.

There are mutterings that some ministers will resign if restrictions are imposed, a somewhat self-defeating response. Tom King, the only Tory MP on the committee, has been lobbied intensively by ministers. But their fears seem wholly out of proportion to what is likely to emerge.

These jitters are revealing. Many ministers believe they will be out of office in a couple of years and want to be able to earn some money while in opposition. They fear that a point of no return has passed and the odds are against them winning a fifth term.

There is a also real sense of personal grievance. Ministerial salaries have fallen sharply in real terms over the past 25 years, by at least a third and in many cases by over a half. Many promising ministers have to accept a substantial loss of salary when they accept office just at an age when they they face the biggest costs of bringing up families. They therefore resent the suggestion that they should be prevented from taking up jobs if they lose office, and possibly also their Commons seats.

But ministers are protesting too much. They are in a favourable position in relation to civil servants. Any private sector posts taken up by senior civil servants on leaving public service are sujbect to review by the business appointments commitee and a waiting period of up to two years if the job is related to their previous responsibilities. Some permanent secretaries resent that these procedures do not apply to their political masters.

Ministers argue that their position is entirely different since their departure from office is seldom planned, and often involuntary and sudden. That is true and it would be wrong to erect further barriers which deter people of quality from becoming ministers, though that complaint only tends to be made when governments are unpopular. But the Government is on weak ground when it argues, as David Hunt did in his evidence to Nolan, that any restrictions could be interpreted as a restraint of trade and that the guidelines in *Questions of Procedure for Ministers* are sufficient in saying that former ministers should avoid "any course which would reflect adversely on their or the Government's reputation for integrity". That will satisfy no one, least of all probably the Nolan inquiry whose chairman has recently stressed "the depth of public worries about standards of conduct in public life, coupled with damaging cynicism about the motives of those who go into it".

It is not good enough for Mr Hunt to argue that former ministers who return to business careers are comparable to those who become lawyers or journalists again. That is missing the point. The area of concern is not all ex-ministers who become directors, but those who join the boards of companies which they have been responsible for privatising. The number of dubious appointments is small — much smaller than popular allegations of sleaze.

But there is a need for reassurance, as a number of former ministers have argued. As was reported in *The Times* earlier this month, the committee is highly unlikely to recommend a formal waiting period. But there is a strong case for some form of guidance or vetting procedure similar to the business appointments committee for civil servants. If ministers are to avoid unacceptably restrictive rules, they need to demonstrate that standards are high.

PETER RIDDELL

MoD staff seek end to private job rules

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON

CIVIL servants in the Ministry of Defence are calling for an end to restrictions that prevent them moving straight into jobs in the private sector.

The demand will be debated at the annual conference of the First Division Association of civil servants (FDA) in May and comes as the Nolan committee considers whether tougher rules are needed to cover former ministers as well. At present senior civil servants have to seek permission before taking a private sector job within two years of leaving the service.

A motion from the FDA's Ministry of Defence branch says that the restrictions are an unacceptable infringement of members' rights.

About 95 per cent of requests to join the private sector are granted immediately but concern has arisen with the disclosure that in the past two years 373 people have left the ministry or the armed forces to join companies in the defence field.

The FDA accepted that restrictions were needed where there was a conflict of interest but said they should also apply to ministers. MoD staff feared that concern about "sleaze" in Parliament could lead to the restrictions being replaced by a ban.

IN PARLIAMENT

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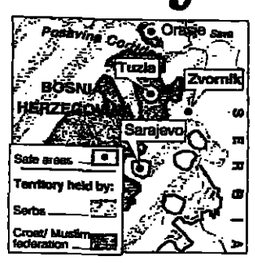
Muslim offensive stirs Bosnian fears of a bloody spring

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

HEAVY fighting convulsed Bosnia yesterday as Muslim-led government troops launched a huge double assault that could mark the start of an expected spring offensive.

A four-month truce, which was supposed to last until May, was in tatters as battles raged around the towns of Tuzla and Travnik. Scores of Bosnian troops were reported to have been killed and hundreds wounded after Serb forces retaliated with ferocity. "This would appear to have all the hallmarks of a co-ordinated offensive action by the BiH [Bosnian army]," a United Nations source in Sarajevo said.

The battles began in the Majevica mountains east of the government-held city of Tuzla and around Vlasic mountain, a Serb-held peak overlooking the town of Travnik in central Bosnia-Herzegovina. The UN said it



monitored more than 2,000 government troops moving into the Tuzla area on Sunday.

It has long been expected that the Posavina region north of Tuzla, where the Serb supply corridor is narrowest, would be the focus of new battles after the truce expired. If government and Croat troops cut the corridor, that would weaken Serbs in western Bosnia and neighbouring Serb-held parts of Croatia. The corridor is their only link with Serbia proper.

UN peacekeepers have been bracing for a spring offensive, and debating whether to pull out of the Balkans if a diplomatic solution to the conflict is not found soon. A withdrawal would pose logistical problems, however, and concerted new fighting could trap UN troops and aid workers.

The perils facing the UN Protection Force were highlighted at the weekend when Croatian forces pinned down peacekeepers near the Serb-held Krajina region of Croatia for an hour with machinegun and rifle fire. Croatia has demanded a new UN mandate from June, to allow deployment of peacekeepers along the border of Serb-held Bosnia to block military supplies for the Krajina Serbs.

Yesterday's fighting in Bosnia followed a gradual increase in sniping and shelling in Sarajevo, the capital, which resulted in a clash on Sunday between the Serbs and peacekeepers after a mortar attack on a UN aircraft. The UN said it had cancelled all flights into Sarajevo yesterday.



Serb soldiers in Krajina train a 60mm mortar on an enemy position from their stronghold of Knin. At the weekend, UN peacekeepers were attacked by Croatian forces who want UN troops posted along the border of Serb-held Bosnia to block supplies destined for Krajina's Serbs

Danger in Nato rush to expand, says Russia

FROM GEORGE BROCK
IN PARIS

A RUSH to expand Nato eastwards will be dangerous for Europe's safety, Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's Foreign Minister, said in Paris yesterday, brushing aside attempts by the European Union and Nato to reassure Moscow over an extension of the Atlantic alliance.

Speaking to the foreign ministers of 52 countries gathered to sign a French-inspired European "stability pact", Mr Kozyrev said that neither Western Europe nor America had risen to the challenges posed by a Continent no longer divided into Cold War blocs. "Outdated approaches and mechanisms" still prevail, the Foreign Minister added. "For instance, the rush to expand Nato."

Without naming America, which wants to see Nato take in new members over the next two years, Mr Kozyrev said that detailed discussion of candidates and terms for their admission to the alliance was recreating "the logic of confrontation".

On the eve of two days of talks with Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, Mr Kozyrev asked: "Why rush things when there is a risk of creating new lines of division?"

Speaking to the conference, Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, also delivered a warning to the United States that changes in Nato should not be hurried. The alliance should be adapted only "carefully", he said, and should not restart "useless antagonisms".

Police in Germany fear open borders

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL'S top security aide shrugged off German police fears about Europe's open borders yesterday and said Germany would work towards making the Schengen agreement apply throughout Europe.

Bernd Schmidbauer was speaking six days before the Schengen accord comes into operation. The past days have seen frenzied rehearsals in key airports in the seven European states participating directly in the scheme: Germany, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain and Portugal. Britain has refused to participate.

Schengen opens internal borders within Europe and is supposed to be a first step towards honouring the European Union commitment to free movement. Its initial effect, however, will be tougher controls on external borders.

The German police are worried and irritated. Chief Superintendent Eike Bleibtreu, head of the German Criminal Investigators' Federation, said yesterday: "We still do not have the urgently needed measures to compensate for the loss of security that will ensue from Schengen. We need compatible technology so that we can keep in radio contact beyond our borders."

Herr Schmidbauer said there were safeguards to prevent criminals exploiting the open borders. The most important was the Strasbourg-based central computer that already stored two million pieces of information about wanted people, missing children and stolen cars.

Siberian oil spill threatens rivers

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN clean-up crews were struggling yesterday to contain a large oil spill in Siberia, which threatened to pollute an important river system and a huge reservoir.

About 3,500 tonnes of crude oil leaked from a damaged pipeline spreading over 24,000 square yards near the town of Tulun, about 230 miles northwest of the Siberian city of Irkutsk. Civil de-



fence teams were working to clean up the spill, most of which spread over the frozen Kurzanka river, a tributary of the Iya river, which in turn feeds into the Bratsk reservoir. The reservoir is an important source of fresh water and hydroelectricity for the entire region.

The workers involved in the clean-up must collect all the oil before the spring, when the rivers thaw and the oil will be washed down river. Aleksandr Kamensky, who is in charge of the clean-up, said that the oil appeared to have leaked in three places, where steel plates had been welded onto the pipeline 20 years ago.

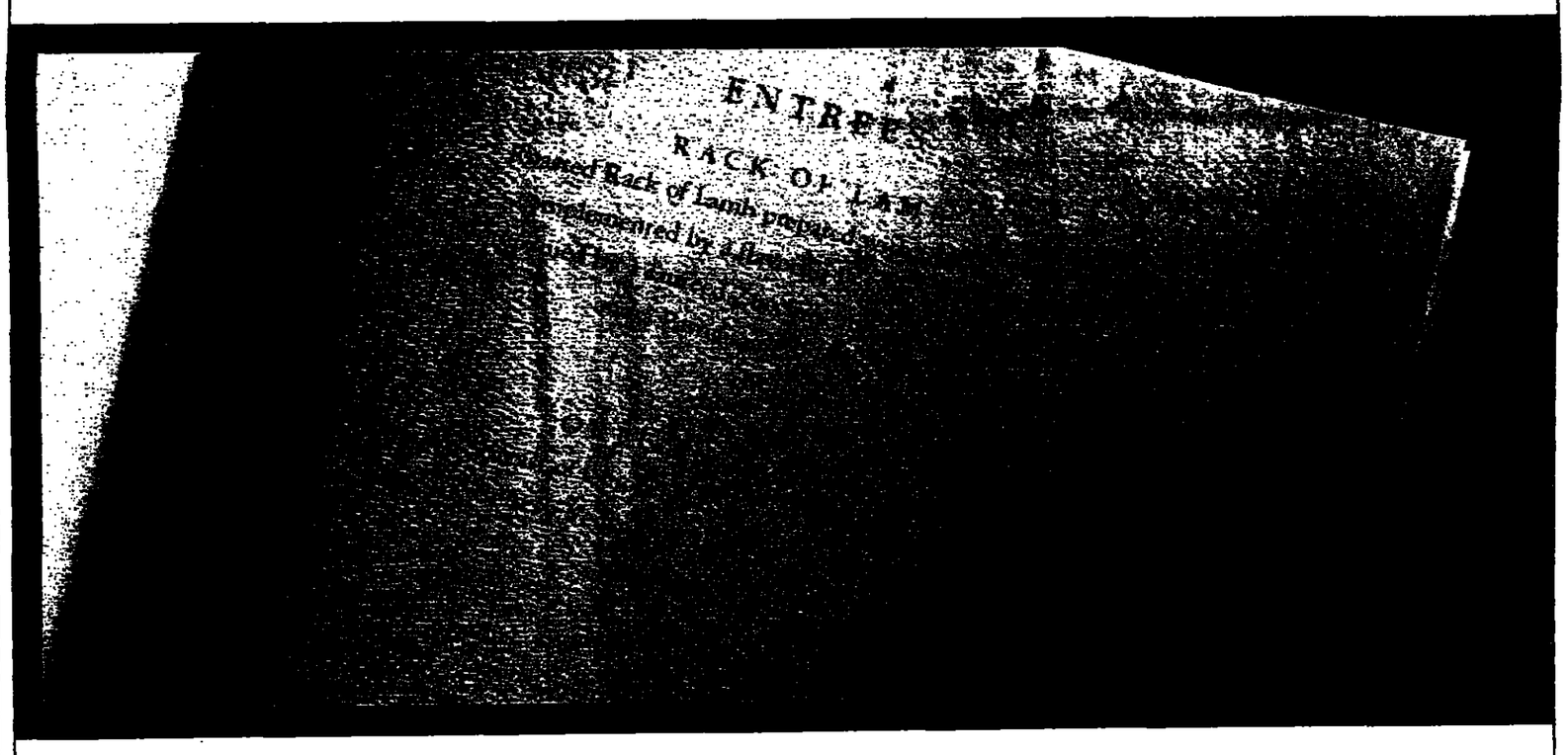
Ivan Blokov, a Greenpeace expert on the environmental damage caused by Russia's oil industry, said the latest spill was a small fraction of the oil-related damage caused by ageing and leaking oil pipelines. "This spill is typical of hundreds of similar cases which take place every year in Russia," he said, commenting on the estimated three million tonnes of oil lost each year.

According to Greenpeace, the internationally accepted lifespan of a pipeline is ten years. In Russia, however, 15 per cent of the pipelines are more than a quarter of a century old and 75 per cent are more than a decade old. As a result, between 4 and 8 per cent of the oil is lost during processing and transportation.

"The only way to resolve the problem is to stop pumping and repair the pipelines," Mr Blokov said. "Until the authorities realise that, we will continue to have these environmental disasters."

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Murder and mayhem on the subway after action against radical group in Osaka





Commuters collapse at a Tokyo subway station after toxic fumes poisoned thousands during the morning rush hour, prompting the mobilisation of anti-chemical warfare forces, right, to decontaminate the area

Police raid may have triggered nerve gas attack

BY GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

■ The attack on commuters comes as Japanese terrorist groups on the extreme Right and Left have gained a reputation for being among the most violent in the world

A RELIGIOUS cult was last night at the centre of suspicion after the gas attack on the Tokyo subway during yesterday's morning rush hour. The cult had a base in a village near Matsumoto, which was the site of a Sarin attack last June that killed seven people.

Police reported in January that traces of an organophosphorus compound linked to Sarin had leaked from the headquarters of the group, known as Aum Shinrikyo. The group subsequently claimed that the substance had been planted on its buildings by local businessmen opposed to them.

Police have since raided several branch offices of the group on suspicion that members were involved in kidnappings and intimidation of former members. The most recent raid, on Sunday, was on the group's Osaka office to rescue a university student who police alleged had been abducted. Yesterday, the cult filed a 20 million yen (£143,000) suit against the police for unlawfully entering their centre and seizing documents.

The raid comes against a background of Japanese terrorist groups on the extreme Right and Left, which have become among the most violent in the world. In December police gave a warning that there might be a surge in attacks by right-wing extremists to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

There are an estimated 1,000 right-wing groups, many well-organised and well-funded. Police said that radicals had been strengthening their alliances with large crime syndicates in an attempt to adopt more violent tactics.

By far the most threatening terrorist group has been the Red Army, a far Left group that grew out of the student radicalism of the 1960s and burst on the scene in the 1970s. This militant faction of the Students' Socialist League comprises the hard core of hijackers and terrorists.

They came to prominence with an attack on Tel Aviv airport in 1972 in which 27 people were killed and 76 injured. The Red Army then carried out a series of bombings in Tokyo, including one in the busy Ginza district, which killed eight people and injured 385. It was involved in bloody hijackings, culminating in the seizure of a Japan Air Lines aircraft in Kuala Lumpur.

After 1977, the group disappeared until 1986 when homemade rockets were fired at the state guest house during the summit of the Group of Seven in Tokyo. Nobody was hurt. The group was then implicated in a series of attacks in Europe and the Middle East. In 1993, Red Army members were indicted for the 1988 bombing of an American United Services Organisation club in Naples, which killed five and injured 13. The Japanese Supreme Court last year upheld death sentences on two leaders for 15 murders.

About a hundred members are still thought to be in Japan, most others having been arrested or fled to North Korea or Lebanon, where about 20 leaders were believed recently to be with Palestinian guerrillas.

Left-wing terrorism reached a high point 20 years ago, when about 25 militant groups competed for support, including the Chukaku-Ha with 6,500 supporters, the Kakumarha (Revolutionary Marxists) with 4,500 members, and the Hanteigakuhyo (Anti-Imperialist Student Council) with a force of 2,000. In 1977, two extreme left-wing radicals hijacked a bus in Nagasaki, holding 16 people hostage.

Terrorist groups also exploited the long public demonstrations against the Narita airport, and in 1985 there were co-ordinated arson and sabotage attacks on the rail systems in Tokyo and Osaka attributed to the Chukaku-Ha group. Japanese left-wing terrorists have moved to exploit environmental fears, and police are worried that the shipment of reprocessed plutonium from Europe will present an irresistible target.

It is unclear who was responsible for the latest Sarin attacks, though police see an obvious link with the Matsumoto incident. Sarin is also thought to have been used in a gas attack that took place on March 5 on a commuter train in Yokohama. More than 80 passengers travelling in one coach complained of nausea, sore throats and stinging eyes after inhaling strong-smelling fumes. Eleven of the passengers were admitted to hospital after the incident, but there were no deaths.

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A bus hijacked by a left-wing group blazes as armed police lay siege to free hostages in Nagasaki in 1977

Students 'can easily concoct poisons'

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

MAKING Sarin nerve gas is not particularly difficult, but does require chemical expertise of roughly degree-level. Sarin is an organophosphorus compound whose synthesis has been described in patents and textbooks.

Much depends on whether it is possible to acquire intermediate products such as methyl phosphonyl dichloride, says Dr Julian Perry Robinson, an expert in the field, who works at the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University.

"You would need more than an A level in chemistry, and some experience of phosphorus intermediates would be helpful," he said. "They can be tricky to deal with. But there have been people who have done it, and it would certainly be possible for a terrorist group to try."

The so-called G agents — Tabun, Sarin, and Soman — were originally discovered by German chemists working on organophosphorus insecticides in the 1930s. The chemicals are synthesised in a similar way, allowing Iraq to use plants designed for pesticide production to make nerve gases.

Dr Perry Robinson says he is amazed that terrorist groups have never before attempted to make the nerve agents. The methods of manufacture of the gases have been published in patents.

Perhaps the greatest inhibition to terrorist groups is the very high danger of an "own goal". "This is something for crazies," one expert at the German Federal Criminal Office (BKA), said. "Only terrorists with a kamikaze mentality would use it."

One curiosity with the Japanese incident is the apparently high ratio of injuries to deaths. Dr Perry Robinson said he would expect exposure to Sarin to have caused more deaths and fewer injuries. The symptoms that victims have described do not fit particularly well, he said.

Sarin: an old enemy that can kill in five minutes

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

MORE than 40 years ago, the Army decided that all regiments must have at least one officer qualified in what was then known as Atomic, Biological and Chemical warfare. As a potential medical student, I was appointed regimental ABC officer for the 10th Hussars.

In one of our first lectures, we were told of one nerve gas shell that had been retrieved and sent for examination in the laboratory. It had been opened with some care in an airtight container housing some rabbits. The scientist turned to pick up his notebook so that he could monitor the effect of the gas on the animals but, by the time he looked back, they were all dead.

Nerve gases are so toxic that the absorption of 1mg either through the skin or the lungs may be enough to kill. Sarin is one of the three nerve gases that has been available since the Second World War. Sarin, Tabun and Soman have now been supplemented by a fourth compound, the V agent.

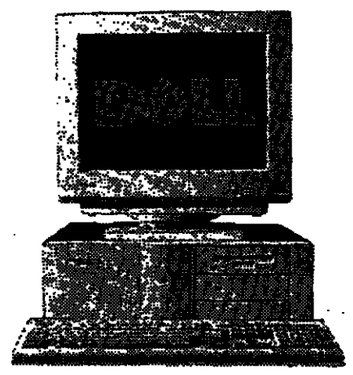
Nerve gases are chemical compounds similar to many used in insecticides; they belong to the organophosphorus anti-acetyl cholinesterase group of drugs, which was first described more than 150 years ago. Their great toxicity was recognised only in the early 1930s, in time for German scientists to exploit them as weapons of war after 1939. Sarin is poisonous either in liquid or gaseous form, and it will vaporise at normal temperatures.

Direct contact with Sarin in liquid form is particularly lethal, as was shown in Tokyo where the man who handled a canister was seen to die very quickly. The gas damages by inhibiting acetyl cholinesterases, which are chemicals in the body that are essential for the transmission of nerve impulses. Without them, the entire nervous system is put out of action.

In humans, death from exposure to a fatal dose of Sarin can take place in between five and 15 minutes. The victim may suffer headaches, dizziness, chest tightness, sweating, loss of vision, vomiting and convulsions followed by death from respiratory failure.

There is little experience of nerve gas poisoning in humans but the belief, partly derived from the treatment of those who have been accidentally poisoned by similar industrial chemicals, is that the patients who survive will suffer long-term ill-effects only if the respiratory depression was so severe that it resulted in the brain being starved of oxygen. These patients may later have headaches, loss of memory, or more severe symptoms of long-term neurological damage, if the oxygen starvation was excessive.

Immediate post-operative treatment is with injections of atropine, which has to be given both intravenously and intra-muscularly as soon as possible. Acetyl cholinesterase reactivators can also be used and, rather suprisingly, intravenous Valium has been found to be helpful. Whatever the immediate treatment given, good general medical care with artificial respiration for the most badly affected, is essential.



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Clinton trip to Moscow risks trouble at home

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT CLINTON will attend VE-Day celebrations at the Arlington national cemetery in Washington on May 8 then fly to Moscow for a summit timed to coincide with Russia's May 9 celebrations, it was confirmed yesterday.

Mr Clinton's timetable will not allow him to participate in the British and French celebrations, but he will stop in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev on his way home from Moscow on May 10. To placate Britain, the White House formally announced that John Major would visit Mr Clinton on April 3 and 4, although that was widely known already. Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said the President intended no slight to Britain and argued that it was logistically impossible for him to attend celebrations in London. Mr McCurry confirmed that Vice-President Gore would represent America at the British, French and German ceremonies.

The decision to visit Moscow was one of the trickiest the White House has had to make in the foreign policy field.

On the one hand, President Yeltsin's military forces are brutally suppressing the independence revolt in Chechenia and Mr Clinton does not want to be seen embracing a Russian leader who has grown strikingly authoritarian in recent months.



Yeltsin: end to months of semi-isolation

Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader and Republican presidential candidate, is already making a big issue of Mr Clinton's support for Mr Yeltsin. Jesse Helms, the Senate foreign relations committee chairman, has threatened to denounce Mr Clinton on the Senate floor if he goes. Many Republican congressmen want to end American aid to Russia.

On the other hand, Russia was excluded from last year's D-Day commemorations in Europe and the Russian people would be deeply offended if Mr Clinton refused this invitation personally to honour their country's huge contribution to the allied victory in the Second World War.

A summit would also give Mr Clinton a platform for pressing the Russians to agree to Nato's expansion, ratify the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and abandon plans to sell nuclear reactors to Iran.

To make Mr Clinton's decision a little easier, Mr Yeltsin offered last week to exclude any show of military force from Moscow's victory parade and limit participants to veteran soldiers. Russia is also allowing the first independent monitors into Chechenia and has begun softening its opposition to Nato's eastward expansion.

Mr Clinton is expected to pre-empt critics of his decision by using his visit to reach democratic opposition leaders, speak directly to the Russian people, and publicly demand a peaceful solution to the Chechenia conflict. His visit to Moscow will finally mark President Yeltsin's rehabilitation in the West after three months of semi-isolation for his bloody campaign in Chechenia.

The White House announcement, coming after the decision by the International Monetary Fund to recommend a £4 billion loan to Moscow this year, signals that Washington is prepared to back President Yeltsin, despite his increasingly shaky hold on power.

The anniversary of victory in Europe is a solemn occasion in Russia, where tens of millions of soldiers and civilians died in the war against Hitler. A refusal to attend the elaborate ceremonies, which have been tailored to suit President Clinton, would have been seen as an insult to the Russian people as well as to its leadership.

Nevertheless, the Clinton visit could be embarrassing for the American leader. America's support for the Kremlin will open the way for charges that the White House is appeasing President Yeltsin at a time when the European Union has adopted a much tougher stand, suspending a multimillion-pound trade deal until the fighting in Chechenia is halted.

Further, there is a strong likelihood that civilians will still be dying in the breakaway Russian republic while President Clinton is being entertained in Moscow. Russian attacks on Chechen separatist villages are continuing daily and thousands of civilians are threatened with deadly epidemics in the spring.

Russia's reformists, who are now at odds with President Yeltsin, will certainly regard the American President's visit as an endorsement of an ailing and increasingly withdrawn leader who has lost his democratic credentials and faces little chance of re-election next year.

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Hillary Clinton grimaces as she helps a technician to attach a microphone to her for the CNN interview, during which she presented a vastly different image from a year ago

First Lady changes image for return to public eye

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

DELIBERATELY measured and restrained, Hillary Rodham Clinton has returned to the fray: no longer as policy-maker, but as campaign wife and traditional First Lady.

In the first television interview she has given since widespread Democratic losses in November's elections cast her into the political desert, Mrs Clinton, dressed in conservative, Thatcherite blue, presented a picture vastly different from that of a year ago.

Then, she was the engine behind healthcare reform — one of the central pillars of President Clinton's White House. Today, as she prepares for a two-week trip to South Asia on Friday, she has become America's demure ambassador-at-large, who will try to gain Third World backing for her husband's efforts for a permanent extension of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Careful to give Mr Clinton credit at every turn, as she had done throughout his presidential campaign, she confidently predicted victory next year, saying: "People are going to vote for a peacemaker and a man of vision over politics as usual, and he will be re-elected."

The timing of her revival was studiously low-key. The rest of America was engrossed in the comeback of Michael Jordan, the star player for the Chicago Bulls. The President, she joked, was probably watching his own beloved basketball team, the Arkansas Razorbacks, rather than her interview with CNN. "I don't think there's any doubt," the First Lady said, "this is one of those terrible scheduling snafus."

Presidential aides say the new role as advocate of her husband's agenda rather than policy-maker comes as a result of a decision made personally by the Clintons. The White House has been more than a little surprised by a standing in the polls which has shown America rather dissatisfied with Mrs Clinton's unofficial title of co-president.

Buchanan promises to run a conservative White House



Buchanan: will be 1996 election candidate

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PAT BUCHANAN, the deeply conservative television commentator who savaged President Bush in the 1992 Republican primaries, announced yesterday that he would be a presidential candidate next year.

At a rally in New Hampshire disrupted briefly by protesters, Mr Buchanan said that his 1992 campaign launched the present conservative revolution and he pledged "to lead that revolution to triumph and into the White House". He then travelled on to Iowa, site of the nation's first caucus.

Mr Buchanan won a remarkable 37 per cent of the vote in the 1992 New Hampshire primary, having entered the race with a shoestring budget and minimal organisation just ten weeks earlier. He used his wit to ridicule Mr Bush as directionless, unprincipled and out of touch, and it was a gravely wounded President who did battle later with Bill Clinton.

Mr Buchanan, a former speechwriter for President Nixon and communications director for President Reagan, will find conditions much tougher this time, although he still has a hard core of support in New Hampshire. He will be one of several conservatives seeking the Republican nomination — although he claims to be the purest — and he is no longer the obvious focus for protest votes. Indeed, the biggest effect of Mr Buchanan's candidature may be to expose the deep divisions within the Republican party. An abrasive campaigner, Mr Buchanan sees himself as a "cultural warrior" who champions family and Judaeo-Christian values and adamantly opposes abortion, gay rights, political correctness and special treatment for minorities. The intolerance of his speech to the 1992 Republican convention drove many moderates into the Democratic camp.

Mr Buchanan, who is 56 and has never held elected office, is also an "economic nationalist" and "main street populist" who rails against free trade agreements, the "bailouts" of Mexico and Russia, foreign lobbyists, foreign aid, illegal immigration and international organisations such as the United Nations or the World Trade Organisation, which he believes erode American sovereignty.

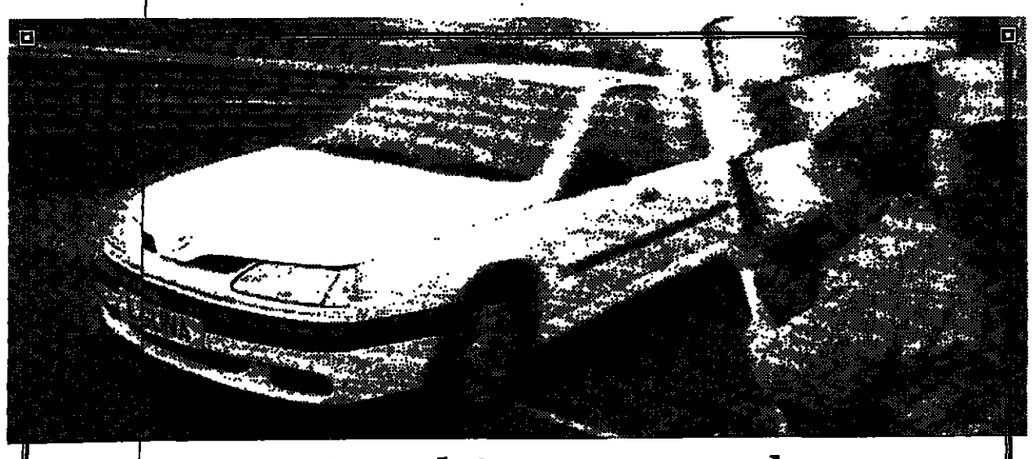
Mr Buchanan is the third Republican after Phil Gramm, the conservative Texas senator, and Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee Governor, to declare his candidature for election as President. Arlen Specter, the Pennsylvania senator, is due to make his announcement next week, Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader on April 10 and Richard Lugar, the Indiana senator, on April 29.

☐ San Francisco: Talk of a possible presidential bid by Pete Wilson, the Governor of California, is raising interest in American political circles, but many people in his home state disapprove.

Mr Dole is the clear front-runner in opinion polls covering the Republican candidates, but Mr Wilson is considered a threat because of his position as governor of the most populous state. Mr Wilson, a former senator and Mayor of San Diego who is seen as a moderate because he favours abortion rights, has signed homosexual rights legislation and, in 1991, signed the biggest tax increase in California history.

He appears close to a decision to run, having confirmed recently that he has opened a bank account to collect money to "test the waters" for a possible White House campaign.

The possibility of a Wilson presidential bid has, however, received a distinctly chilly reception in California. Almost two-thirds of the state's voters surveyed by a *Los Angeles Times* poll this month, including 59 per cent of Republicans, said Mr Wilson should not seek the nomination. *(Reuter)*



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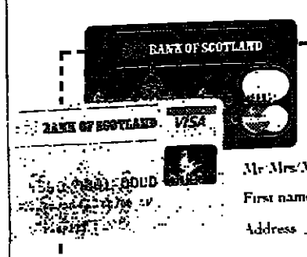
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Thousands cheer as the President welcomes Queen

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN CAPE TOWN

IN A rare display of post-imperial splendour, the Royal Yacht *Britannia* nosed into Cape Town harbour yesterday as the Queen began her state visit to South Africa.

On a brilliant morning under Table Mountain, capped with its tablecloth of cloud, and accompanied by a flotilla of small craft laden to the gunwales with sightseers, the yacht sailed close to the notorious Robben Island, the prison that was home to President Mandela for many years.

A predominantly white crowd of thousands packed every ledge of the quayside, with only a sprinkling of black faces, apart from a few well-drilled platoons of schoolchildren. Even in the new South Africa, the five rands (£1) bus fare from the black townships is money that can be better spent.

As the Queen descended the gangway, the warm south-easterly breeze that freshened the air, and is therefore known locally as the Cape Doctor, snatched at the Queen's blue straw hat. She had to keep one cautious hand fixed to her head as Mr Mandela stepped forward to greet her with a hearty: "Your Majesty, welcome to South Africa." With equal joviality he greeted the Duke of Edinburgh with: "Your Royal Highness, how are you?"

As a South African navy band played one British and two South African national anthems — the new one and the old Afrikaner one — competing royalty displayed a clash of colour on the jetty. The Queen wore a sky blue linen coat; Rochelle Mtirara, a niece of Mr Mandela who now acts as his presidential lady, wore the brilliant orange dress and headgear of a member of the royal house of the Thembu tribe, of which Mr Mandela is a member.

Ships' hooters blared, the crowd applauded and cheered, and six jet fighters roared overhead in formation trailing red, white and blue smoke as the Queen met a line-up of leading public figures including Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

At the presidential residence in Cape Town, the Queen presented Mr Mandela with the insignia of the Order of Merit, of which the only other living foreign recipient is Mother Teresa. Mr Mandela invested her with South Africa's Order of Good Hope.

The Queen presented an annual scholarship for a South African graduate to study at the London School of Economics, and a blue leather desk set. She received a brooch of precious stones set in the design and colour of the new South African flag. It contained everything but diamonds, one of the country's leading exports. But the Queen already owns the biggest one ever mined in South Africa: the Cullinan.

At a state banquet last night, the Queen came as close as she is likely to during her tour to satisfying Afrikaner demands for an apology for their treatment at British hands during the Boer War. "Only eight years after our two countries had been at war, with all the pain and suffering which that entailed, especially for the Afrikaner people, Queen Victoria's son, the Duke of Connaught, laid the foundation stone of the Union Building in Pretoria," she said. Mr Mandela accepted an invitation to make a return state visit to Britain next year.

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Children wave the South African and British flags at the start of the royal tour as the Queen and President Mandela walk o parliament



The Queen presents President Mandela with the insignia of the Order of Merit in Cape Town

'I have come to see what is little short of a miracle'

FORTY-EIGHT years ago I watched my father opening parliament here — the first he opened in any of his dominions. I come here in very different circumstances, but ever since that visit I have felt that my memories of South Africa are part of me, and I have wanted to return to this magnificent country.

That wish has never deserted me through a half century during which you have seen turmoil and tragedy. Now, though, you have become one nation, whose spirit of reconciliation is a shining example to the world, and I have come back to see for myself what is little short of a miracle. This year, as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, we shall have many reminders that South Africa's contribution to victory for the Allies was, as in the First World War, immense. Three hundred and fifty thousand South Africans volunteered, and 12,000, of all races, lost their lives. In his speech to parliament all those years ago, my father paid tribute to that great sacrifice. He continued:

"You are now dealing with the problems of peace — a peace which must be based on the principles of freedom and justice if it is to endure." Your struggle has shown that the only way to true peace is through those principles, of which so many throughout this country have been doughty champions. Democratic values bring benefits and opportunities with them, and these are now becoming clear here, where your people can advance themselves irrespective of wealth and background.

Throughout the years apart from South Africa, the Commonwealth worked to bring about the transition which led to your rejoining last June, after 32 years of separation. It gave me so much pleasure to see you regain your rightful place.

[The year] 1995 marks the bicentenary of the first links between our two countries. Our relationship, like that between many old friends, has been, at times, a tempestous one. Our peoples have fought against each other, as they have together against a common enemy. But we can, together, feel unreserved pride in the role which so many Britons and South Africans have played in our respective countries.

Next year, I look forward to welcoming you, Mr President, on the first ever state visit to Britain by a South African Head of State. It will happen as we approach the end of the 20th century and peer into the next. The view may sometimes be a little obscure, but the events in South Africa of the last few years have helped to bring rays of sunshine to pierce the mist. May the sun shine ever brighter.

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUEEN'S SPEECH

Angry teacher says shantytown school not fit for royalty

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

FOR Nozukile Tom, the principal of a school for the disabled in Khayelitsha near Cape Town, the visit by the Queen to her township today will be an unhappy occasion. "Our school is not fit for a Queen," she said with sarcasm. "That is why we have not been invited to take part."

Mrs Tom, a plump, sad-eyed mother of six, runs a voluntary feeding and education scheme for disabled township children aged between a year and 15. The school, a cluster of steel shipping crates boxed together on a strip of sandy scrubland, has no books, stationery or lavatories. With only one wheelchair between them, the 30 or so children, whose disabilities range from Down's Syndrome to epilepsy, are transported to and from their homes in supermarket trolleys. "It is wrong that disabled children should be treated like this," she said angrily, "but there is no money."

Local residents suggest that the Philani nutrition centre, barely 100 yards away, has been chosen to receive the Queen because it will create the right impression. The well-equipped project, assisted by British funds, aims to rehabilitate malnourished children and provides mothers training in weaving. With its brightly painted brick buildings, neat lawn and company cars : is a happy island in a sea of squalor.

Khayelitha is an eyesore. Drive along the motorway from Capetown's elegant city centre past the white suburbs with their sparkling blue swimmingpools and the appalling squatter camps of the windswept Cape Flats suddenly loomon all sides. It was here during the 1980s that residents of the sprawling squatter community of Crossroads were forcibly removed to nearby Khayelitsha (New Town).

Today the filthy township is home to about a million blacks who live cheek-by-jowl in endless rows of tiny make-shift shack. The vast majority of home have no running water or electricity.

Kalli Bole, 26, a part-time cleaner, is typical. His unlit, one-room shack, no more than 20ft long, which he shares with his wife and two children, is built of wood and rusty corrugated iron which leaks when it rains.

He said "Nothing has changed around here since Mandela came to power, but I expected things might have improved a least a little by now." Despite his disappointment, he supports the African National Congress unconditionally: "I will probably vote for him [Mandela] again because there is nobody else to vote for. I would never vote for the National Party."

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Franchising stages its biggest show

BY RODNEY HOBSON

MORE than 100 exhibitors will be at Olympia, London, next weekend for the Spring National Franchise Exhibition. The event, organised by Blenheim, the exhibition and conference group, is claimed to be the largest of its kind to be held in London.

Exhibitors will include McDonald's Restaurants, Esso Petroleum, Legal & General estate agencies, Interlink, Dyno-Rod and Apollo window blinds.

Advice on becoming a franchisee will be available from major high street banks, legal experts and specialist consultants.

The Department of Trade and Industry is taking a stand for the first time. Other newcomers will offer services in hi-fi, farm produce, greeting cards and flat roofs.

The event, now in its eleventh year, will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Seminars on agreements and funding and on the practical side of franchising will be held on Friday and Sunday.

A seminar on franchising opportunities for ethnic minorities has been included on Friday for the first time. Diane Abbott, the Labour MP, will be the main speaker.

Turnover in franchising grew by 10 per cent last year to £5.5 billion, according to data compiled by National Westminster Bank. The sector employs 190,000 people, with 20,000 jobs created in 1994. The number of franchisers grew by 19 to 414 while the number of franchisees totalled 26,400. Peter Stern, head of the bank's franchise section, says 87 per cent of franchises reported that they were trading profitably, compared with 78 per cent in 1992.

Almost all had reached profitability within two years. Just over half of all franchisees traded more profitably than in 1993 and the overwhelming majority expect to do even better in 1995. The proportion of franchisees making a clear loss halved to 3 per cent.

London, with 16 per cent of franchised units, and the rest of the South East, with 15 per cent, continue to be the main focus of franchising activity, the bank says. The South West and West Midlands, both with 12 per cent, and the North West, with 10 per cent, are also favoured.



"Mine's in here somewhere!"

The path back to work

BY JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

PRODUCING outplacement packages for redundant middle managers was not what Giles Neel saw himself doing when he graduated from Cambridge in 1964. Nor did the idea strike him during 15 years with the BBC as researcher, director, producer and manager.

After being headhunted by Robert Maxwell to be managing director of Syndication International, a newspaper and magazine syndication operation, he resigned in 1988, aged 45, and found himself jobless.

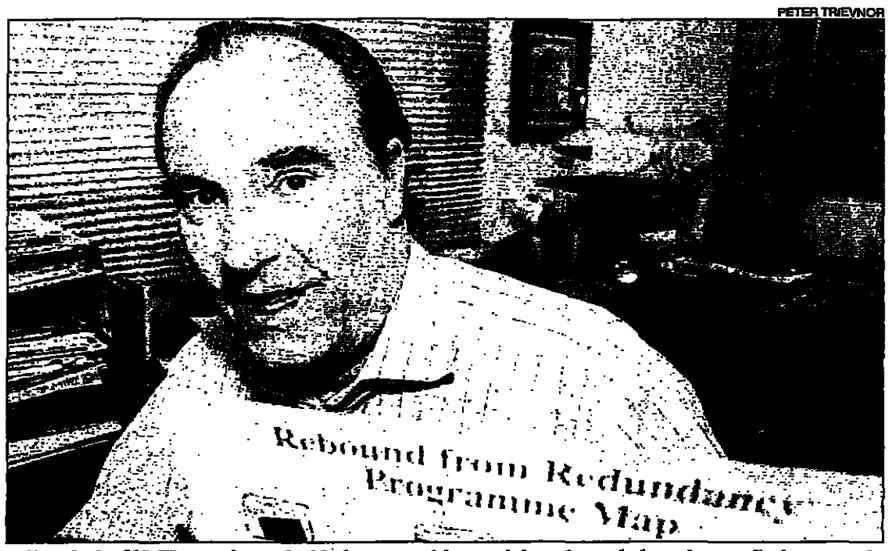
Mr Neel says: "I knew nothing about outplacement, had no guidance on how to cope with being jobless and was no longer earning £50,000 a year. I spent the next two years teaching myself to be fully computer literate while applying for jobs ... As it appeared increasingly unlikely that I was going to land a job I wanted, I decided I would create my own."

He started making corporate videos. One of the first was for an outplacement company. "They turned round shellshocked executives and made them see themselves as a product," Mr Neel says. However, the outplacement programme's cost was based on 15 per cent of a customer's last salary, and few people who could benefit from it were going to get it, he felt.

He resolved to put together a distance learning package for redundant executives. His company, TNT Associates, bore the initials of his surname and those of two people collaborating in the project, John Tucker, an outplacement counsellor, and Graham Till, former publishing director of Henley Distance Learning. They agreed on a percentage of profits.

Mr Neel prepared budgets and sought finance. None was forthcoming, so he borrowed £132,500 against his house, pension and an insurance policy, and set about making Rebound from Redundancy, a combination of books, cassettes and a 1½-hour motivational video.

PETER TREVNOR



Giles Neel, of TNT Associates, decided to create his own job and now helps others to find new work

Rebound from Redundancy was launched in 1992, priced at £295, plus VAT. It won that year's Gold International Visual Communications Association award for video publishing and has sold 500 copies. Clients include George Wimpey, Bristol and West Building Society and the National Rivers Authority.

Mr Neel admits that he underestimated the marketing task, in which the few distributors in this field wanted 60 to 65 per cent of each sale, and that he had expected more packages to be sold in batches, rather than singly. Now that the creating side is over he works by himself and finds that quite lonely.

Feeling vulnerable as a "one-product company", he wants to expand into products for job-hunting graduates, married women and mid-career executives in a world where "there aren't going to be jobs for life any more".

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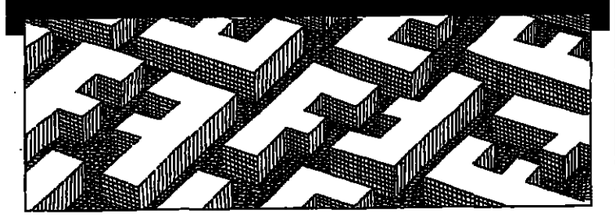
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Subway ride through hell


JAMES MORGAN

Thirty million commuters pack themselves on to the Tokyo subway every day, and discipline starts early: elementary schoolchildren are formally taught the basics of train travel

For five years in Tokyo **Joanna Pitman** feared a rush-hour panic. When it happened yesterday, Japan's cult of order and discipline collapsed

When I heard that poison gas calculated to kill dozens and to terrorise thousands was released systematically on the Tokyo subway system in yesterday morning's rush hour, I ticked off the second of two imagined nightmares that had lurked — irrationally, I assumed — at the back of my mind during the five years I lived in Tokyo.

The first horror was the threat of a big earthquake, a threat that loomed distressingly large each time the eleventh-floor office of *The Times* was set swaying across an alarming trajectory during the city's occasional "minor" tremors. The second was the thought of being caught in a rush-hour train or traffic jam when panic broke out. Yesterday's subway crisis undoubtedly triggered an unspeakable nightmare of panic.

Tokyo's subway system is more complex, more crowded and more dependent on rational order and discipline among its passengers than London's or probably any other system in the world. But when order turns to disorder, all of Japan's fragile behavioural arrangements break down.

Being a polite people, most Japanese spend most of their orderly lives acting out social rules. But on numerous occasions I have witnessed the instinctive obedience, the consideration for others, the famous politeness washed away without trace in minor bargain-basement scuffles, when personal inclinations overcome prescribed public roles. A crowd of people confined on a subway platform, bereft of guiding rules specific to their particular crisis and with terror in their hearts, is a truly frightening prospect.

In a city as insanely busy as Tokyo, millions of commuters expect to be able to rely on reaching their destinations at the same minute each morning. Thirty million pack themselves on to the subway every day, and in normal circumstances are delivered crumpled and sweaty but on time, by a system equipped with the highest technology, the strictest maintenance systems and the latest gizmos that Japan's engineering giants can offer.

But the astonishing precision timing, despite levels of human congestion experienced elsewhere only in football stadiums, is equally a measure of the discipline of the drivers and their passengers, whose devotion to order approaches the fanatical.

By 7am on subway platforms all over the city, bleary-eyed salary men and flocks of schoolchildren are marshalling themselves into tidy rows to stand patiently behind floor markings that show precisely where the train doors will open. As one load of passengers is carried away, the platform instantly fills up again and another train follows 30 seconds later to repeat the performance. Five seconds late and the whole schedule is upset.

Subway etiquette is something of an obsession for Tokyo-ites and initiation begins early. Elementary schoolchildren are formally taught the basics of train travel. Nannying voices blare out incessant loudspeaker announcements, acting as a kind of acoustic whip to keep the laggards on the move. "Line up behind the white line... let's not run we all know it's dangerous... don't drop your umbrella... don't stick your fingers in the doors." The nasalised admonishments have probably done more to boost sales of personal stereo systems than any amount of funny advertising.

For the hard of hearing and those insulated by their mobile Monteverdi, there is an extra lashing to be had from the beady eyes of platform attendants, whose job it is merely to stand and look intimidatingly at passengers during the rush hour.

The obedience and scrupulous attention to detail allows split-second scheduling, even in the most ghastly of Tokyo's horror stations, Shinjuku. Three million passengers converge here every day from 20 different lines, and stream through six-lane underground walkway interchanges to catch one of the 3,000 daily departures.

The system is so finely tuned that it has eliminated almost all sources of serious delay. Aside from such random events as yesterday's poison attack, the biggest scheduling worry of the drivers is "the jumper", or suicide. Every year more than a thousand people commit suicide by jumping in front of trains, and train operators, some of them private companies, have been known to become so frustrated at these intrusions into their strict schedules that they have fined the bereaved relatives, assessing their claims on the number of passengers inconvenienced.

Tokyo's train drivers are ruthless professionals. To qualify for the honour of service, a driver must memorise a 200-page manual on how the train functions and the history of the system.

Every morning he is awoken in his depot by a pillow that automatically inflates at the appointed time, and he clambers into an immaculate uniform of polished peaked cap, lime green jacket and white gloves.

The subway cult of order and punctuality has become a source of great pride, and has even been honoured with its own genre in the nation's literature; one prizewinning novel describes the life of an eager driver who has nightmares about being late.

Rules count for everything on the Tokyo subway. Unfortunately there was no rule in the book for what to do in a gas attack.

The tinpot dictators are taking over

Charge of the ban-it brigade

Liberalism is dead because at heart we are all fascist. When I was at school, people used to quote Voltaire's "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it" so often in their essays that we used to groan when we heard it. Not much call for it now, I shouldn't wonder. I am avoiding tagging this political correctness not only because I feel it's a cliché and a cop-out, but because the term too swiftly evokes the puritan excesses of the left, whereas the intolerance that is endemic now is pan-political. Bournemouth colonel meets social worker: the ban-it culture is all-pervasive.

On Sunday, I was watching the BBC's viewers' revenge programme, *Bite-back*. A great deal of the time spent on the programme (profitably, as it happened: but then Sue Lawley is one of those interviewers who actually listens, which helps) was devoted to whether last week's Dutch documentary on euthanasia, already shown in some 20 other countries, should have been banned here. One irate viewer complained that in an episode of the medical comedy *Health and Efficiency* there were some jokes about an organ donor. "I have got a sense of humour," he claimed — erroneously surely — and then attempted to demonstrate that this joke had set back organ donation by months. His complaint was just another way of saying "Disgusting — shouldn't be allowed".


NIGELLA LAWSON

'To ban a drug because it's misused is bonkers'

Yesterday, in *The Times* I saw that Scottish doctors are trying to get the sleeping pill temazepam withdrawn because drug addicts are getting hold of these capsules, melting them down and then injecting them, often to lethal effect. Now, I am sure if I were a physician in Glasgow where this is evidently a major problem, I would be concerned. But to ban a drug because some misuse it is bonkers. *Especially since* the real problem is the behaviour of the junkies who would no doubt find some other substance to abuse — as the jargon has it — if the one now to hand were withdrawn.

But it is simply the knee-jerk response now. No, it's worse: it's the *considered* response now to anything that troubles, offends, dismays or otherwise, irritates. Ban boxing, ban hunting, ban meat eating, ban cars, ban smoking. The list is endless, if only because what I might want to ban (none of the above) might not be what you'd like to ban. But there has to be some better indicator of dissent or disapproval than to call for something to be outlawed. I loathe all this reactionary bullying. And reactionary is just what it is.

This isn't to say that all things should be allowed just because they've gone on before. The status quo is not to be defended without regard to exactly what is being defended. Even so, "*charge it*", "consider it" is a better first impulse than "ban it!"

Most people just seem to be fired by totalitarian impulse. "His majesty the child" said Freud about the imperiousness of the infant. Evidently we never outgrow it: for it's as if the entire population was practising to become some sort of global tinpot dictator. It's not that it isn't tempting. But the trouble is, somebody else's dictatorship just wouldn't be as fun as one's own. I think until you've got the job, better keep quiet about your plans.

Gaily the cross I'd bear

ENOUGH about the rabid Tatchell and his self-hating agenda, but now I read that one of the recently ordained women priests has declared herself to be a lesbian (or an "out dyke" according to her) in order to pre-empt her threatened outing.

What I want to ask is this: why are so many gay men and women attracted to the church? It would seem, like Tatchell himself, to foster unhappiness, since the Bible hardly offers any solace to homosexuals. But it is definitely more than a tendency: it would seem to be a prominent feature. What precisely is the link? I should be glad of a considered, serious answer.

"Shock chat" confrontational television is all the rage in America. Could it hit Britain? **Ben Macintyre** reports

A talk show for mugs

Careless talk costs lives, a fact that was brutally demonstrated this month when a guest on one of America's daytime television chat shows allegedly shot another after enduring the ritual humiliation that has become the principal ingredient of this supremely salacious form of popular entertainment.

Jonathan Schmitz agreed to appear on *The Jenny Jones Talk Show* on March 7 on the understanding that he would be confronted by a "secret admirer". But when, with the cameras rolling, that admirer turned out to be a man, a neighbour and acquaintance called Scott Amedure, the 24-year-old waiter from Michigan says he was "stunned" and mortified.

Schmitz sat through the show with his head bowed, but after leaving the studio the embarrassment "ate away" at him, he says. Three days later when he found an anonymous, sexually suggestive note pinned to his door, Schmitz bought a 12-bore gun, walked over to Amedure's home and shot him dead, according to police.

Jenny Jones, a vision of blond and toothy inquisitiveness, is one of nearly two dozen talk show hosts offering an undiluted diet of titillation along the lines of "Teens pregnant by much older men", "Mothers-in-law who sleep with their daughters' husbands", "Unfaithful lovers", "Old girlfriends" and, a hardy perennial of the genre, "Secret admirers".

The aim of such shows, which are gradually filtering across the Atlantic to British television screens, is not merely to lay bare the steamy soul of suburbia but to provoke, wherever possible, an embarrassing confrontation by springing a nasty surprise on the unsuspecting guest.

While the producers of *The Jenny Jones Show* have expressed "concern for the family of the deceased", they say that Schmitz was warned that his unknown admirer might be of either sex. Schmitz, an avowed heterosexual who has now been charged with murder, says he received no such warning.

"Cynical pursuit of ratings and total insensitivity to what could occur here left one person dead and Mr Schmitz facing life imprisonment," declared the Michigan prosecutor.

In a rare concession to taste, Jenny Jones has agreed not to broadcast the programme but her ratings, needless to say, have already jumped dramatically.


Jenny Jones, doyenne of shock chat TV

The killing of Scott Amedure, 32, has prompted renewed debate in America over the need to curb lurid television while highlighting one of the grimmer aspects of public taste: such daytime talk shows are among the most successful and fast-growing programmes on American television.

More than 50 million viewers, including many under the age of 17, tune in each week to watch Ms Jones and her ilk ambush their guests. Annual profits for these shows can reach $60 million and given the intense commercial pressure, critics say, producers often economise with the truth when persuading guests to appear.

Members of the public eager for their 15 minutes of fame, meanwhile, tend to accept only the vaguest descriptions of what is in store for them. The resulting shock often leads to live temper tantrums, torrents of abuse, tears and, in some cases, lawsuits.

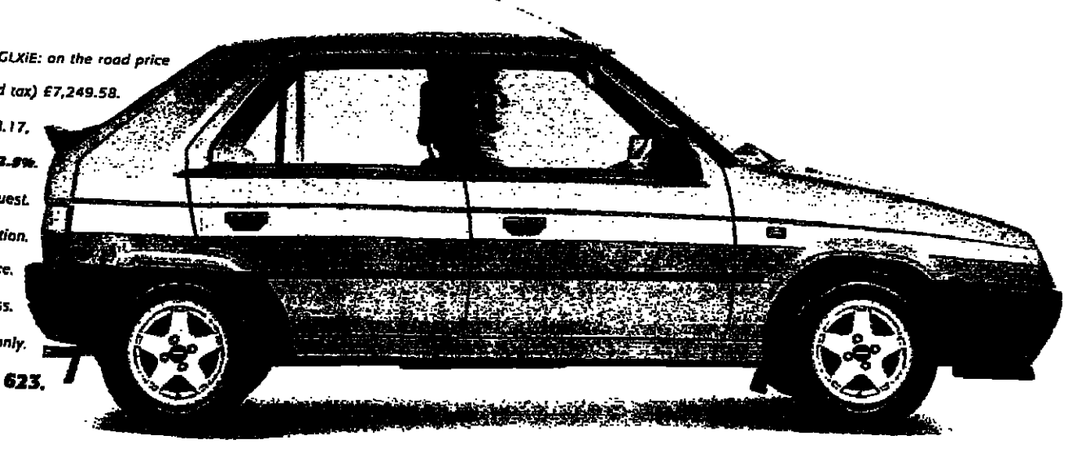
Last year *The Montel Williams Show* was successfully sued by a woman who claimed she was invited to participate in a programme about former boyfriends, only to be presented with the revelation that her own boyfriend of 14 years had had an affair with her sister.

In a still more distressing case, Shauna Miller appeared on an episode of *The Richard Bey Show* on the promise that she would be "reunited with somebody from her past". Ms Miller convinced herself that the "somebody" would be her long-lost brother, but instead found herself accused of mistreating another woman's daughter in her (Miller's) own childcare centre.

In the wake of the Jenny Jones shooting, some advertisers have agreed to pay closer attention to the content of daytime chat shows but "shock chat" is clearly the format of the future. Over recent years ratings for such programmes have steadily increased among younger viewers, while those of the more traditional talk show hosts, such as *Oprah Winfrey and Phil Donahue*, have dwindled. At least 12 more daytime chat shows are planned for the next television season, gradually squeezing out the traditional fare of cookery programmes and game shows.

In a tacit admission of the dangers of confrontational television, most talk shows now require participants to sign release forms promising not to take legal action, while others provide therapists to calm the outraged feelings of their guests.

But some media analysts say it may be only a matter of time before the stirring of such ugly passions prompts violence in the studio. That would inevitably lead to a fertile new line of inquiry for the ghouls of daytime chat: "Talk show guests who attack talk show hosts".



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Help for asthma victims and the ozone layer, too

THE LIFESTYLE of asthmatic patients has been revolutionised by the introduction of metered-dose inhalers. The standard advice now given is that, in most cases, the basis of long-term treatment for asthma should be with inhaled steroids.

The dose can be varied according to the degree of breathlessness; if this is insufficient, steroids, either by mouth or injection, can be used in addition.

Ventolin or similar salbutamol inhalers are also essential, but as a first-aid measure to control a sudden attack, or even a worsening of an existing wheeze. If patients find that they are having to use their Ventolin regularly they should assume that their regime needs review.

Doctors and patients have been reassured that the most tiresome side-effect of inhaled steroids seems to be that they allow thrush to develop in the mouth and around the vocal cords, as well as causing pain and discomfort from sores around the corners of the lips, on the tongue and in the palate.

They also reduce the patient's ability to sing in tune. Many asthmatics, once the star of the choir, have had to resign their treasured place in it after inhaled steroids have blunted their voice, so that it would no longer satisfy the choirmaster.



Doctors' confidence in inhaled steroids has been scratched, although not really dented, by a recent report from research workers at the Hammersmith Hospital, the Royal Brompton Hospital and the National Heart Hospital in London, which suggests that normal therapeutic doses of inhaled steroids may reduce osteocalcin levels and thereby increase the likelihood of asthmatic patients going on to develop osteoporosis. Whenever drugs are prescribed there has to be a risk-benefit analysis; in this case, given the present evidence, the benefit patients obtain from inhalers, which can be lifesaving, far outweighs the disadvantages as they are known today.

METERED-DOSE inhalers not only send a puff of steroid into the mouth and lungs of the patient, but also send CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the propellants, into the atmosphere, thereby contributing to the destruction of the ozone layer. Under the terms of the Montreal Protocol the manufacture of sprays dependent on CFCs was banned for this reason, but an exception was made for the metered-dose inhalers used in asthma therapy.

One company, 3M Health Care, has now produced a CFC-free metered-dose inhaler, the Airomir, to deliver salbutamol. The standard inhaler had to be entirely redesigned, but after extensive modification it delivers salbutamol without any risk of CFCs reaching the ozone layer.

Research has shown that the CFC-free metered-dose inhaler delivers salbutamol which is every bit as safe and efficient as that delivered by an inhaler using a chlorofluorocarbon propellant.

Are we really getting more miserable?

Our nostalgia for a lost age when people were happier seems to be justified, says **Dr Simon Wessely**

Virtually everyone over the age of 30 shares the view that things used to be better. It is easy to reminisce about some golden age when the streets were safe, the schools were good, doctors had time for you and people were happier. The usual response to such moans is to quote similar observations through the ages, and to conclude that the view that the world of the past was a better place is a trick of memory.

But many psychiatrists are now claiming that we really were happier in the past; or, to put it another way, that the rates of depression are higher now than at any other time. This observation is based not on nostalgia but on studies across the world, which are reviewed in a new book, *Psychosocial Disorders Among Young People*, edited by Michael Rutter and D. Smith, to be published next month by John Wiley.

What is the evidence? A series of large studies on depression by the National Institute of Mental Health in America found that those born after the last war were twice as likely to develop depression as those born before. Another study suggested the differences might be as much as threefold. The age at which people first become depressed also seems to be falling.

Similar findings have been reported from Germany, Sweden, Canada and New Zealand. Nearly all of them also showed that the biggest rise in depression was among men.

Genetic factors are important in depression but these cannot explain such a rapid change. One possible clue to its causes lies in the timing of depression in childhood. Rates of depression in children before the onset of puberty are low, and suicide is extremely unusual. Depressive feelings seem to develop between the ages of 10 and 14.

From the middle of the last century the age of puberty has been falling steadily, although it has now reached a plateau. Most researchers rule out a direct hormonal effect on the risk of childhood depression; rather, the influence of puberty seems to be on the development of feelings and emotions. Girls are less likely than boys to welcome the changes in their body brought on by puberty, and those who mature early have more depression and lower self-esteem.

Puberty also leads to an interest in slightly older age groups. The earlier this happens, the greater the chance of exposure to drugs and alcohol. This is particularly important because boys or girls who go through puberty earlier than others do not show a similar increase in their intellectual maturity, and thus may be more vulnerable.

> Early puberty makes children more vulnerable

Few will be surprised to learn that there is a link between parental divorce and depression in adolescents. This is a response not only to the separation of parents, but also to the marital discord that inevitably precedes it.

Finally, research has convincingly implicated the rise of unemployment over the last generation. Mass unemployment in the 1930s affected whole communities, which may have lessened its psychological (as opposed to financial) impact on the individual. Now financial issues are less important, but the blow to educational and work aspirations is greater.

These findings are not just of academic interest. Along with the rise in depression, suicide rates in young people are increasing in every European country, with the sole, and inexplicable, exception of Germany. The Department of Health has not been slow to respond to these findings, and reducing the suicide rate is a key target of the *Health of the Nation* report. How that should be achieved is less clear, and may depend upon changes in the way we live that are beyond the influence even of Virginia Bottomley.

Stopping cancer in its tracks

Drug companies are racing to develop a new cancer therapy. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

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Two cancer cells, right and left, in the final stage of division: tomorrow's drugs aim to prevent the uncontrolled cell growth that causes tumours

A new class of cancer drugs, the first to use subtlety rather than brute force, are close to clinical trials. Today, at the Toronto meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, scientists will report that they are almost ready for human trials of agents designed to disable a gene believed to be responsible for 20 to 30 per cent of all cancers.

The gene is called *ras*, and was first discovered in 1978 through its abilities to cause rat sarcomas — hence its name. The proteins produced at the direction of these genes are regulators of cell growth, and mutations in the genes produce a defective protein that ignores signals to stop cell growth. The result is cancer.

Mutant *ras* genes are present in 90 per cent of pancreatic cancers, half of colon cancers and a quarter of lung cancers. The role of the new drugs is to block the action of the gene, the first time this has been tried as a way of treating cancer. Drug companies are racing to bring the first of these *ras*-inhibitors to market.

Among the leaders is Merck & Co, of West Point, Pennsylvania, which expects to begin a clinical trial within a year to 18 months. "These really are the first drugs designed to block the action of a single specific cancer gene," says Dr Allen Oliff, executive director of cancer research for Merck. "We believe this specificity will mean safer and more effective patient therapies."

But Merck is not alone. "Right now *ras* is one of the hottest targets for cancer therapy," says Dr Said Sebti of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, one of those presenting new evidence today. "Just about every pharmaceutical company has its own *ras*-inhibitor research programme, or is thinking of starting one."

Until now almost all cancer therapies have worked by killing cells — either by radiation or by the use of toxic drugs. Accurately targeted, the therapies are supposed to destroy the tumours without doing too much collateral damage to healthy cells, but the side-effects of most cancer treatments show that this is more hope than reality.

The new drugs are designed to trip up the runaway cells rather than simply blasting them apart. In the cell, the *ras* protein is one of a chain that leads from the surface to the interior. When the surface end of the chain is activated by hormones or enzymes, a signal travels down the chain until it reaches the cell nucleus, triggering cell division.

In 1990, Drs Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein, of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, discovered that an enzyme was needed for the *ras* protein to send its message. The enzyme, called farnesyltransferase, has the job of attaching a chemical code to the protein, rather like a post code, to tell it where to go. If this enzyme can be blocked, the defective *ras* protein never gets through, and the cancer does not get started.

The researchers found that the inhibitors were far more effective against tumour cells than they really expected. Dr Sebti says: "No one actually thought *ras*-inhibitors were ever going to be as specific to tumour cells as they have turned out to be. But in animal studies we and other groups have selectively suppressed tumour growth without harmful effects."

Dr Sebti and colleague Dr Andrew Hamilton will report today on a range of *ras*-inhibitors they have developed which they believe to be considerably more effective than those developed earlier.

The Pittsburgh compounds do not contain peptides, which means they are less susceptible to being broken down by enzymes in the body. Once inside cells, says Dr Hamilton, these *ras*-inhibitors are a hundred times more potent than earlier compounds. The team is now in discussion with several drug companies.

Potency could be the critical factor. "If too much of a drug is needed," Dr Sebti says, "no matter how selective it is, some of the drug may accidentally hit bystander molecules and have a toxic effect." The latest contender from Merck is kept under wraps, but Dr Oliff says that it, too, has a similar high potency.

Other companies have latched on to different points in the *ras* pathway, which may offer equal or greater promise. Researchers are now fine-tuning the molecules so that they will safely circulate in patients' blood, find their way to the tumour, stay there long enough to work, and finally be excreted.

There is, of course, a snag. The *ras*-inhibitors do not actually kill tumours, but simply hold their growth in check. They may need to be used as a follow-up to more traditional treatments, or be given to patients over many years, which poses difficult problems unless they are entirely free of side-effects.

Meanwhile, other groups are tackling other cancer genes, of which about 70 have so far been discovered. Cancer researchers are used to the sinking feeling that follows when the latest great idea fails to work as well as they had hoped — but this time there is a lot of optimism, not least because only tiny amounts of the inhibitors are needed to stop cancer cells from proliferating.

"If we can get these drugs into patients, I think the data will show the concept is right," Dr Edward Scolnick of Merck told *The Wall Street Journal*. "Right now, we're at an unbelievably exciting and frustrating stage of drug discovery. We just have to be patient and wait."



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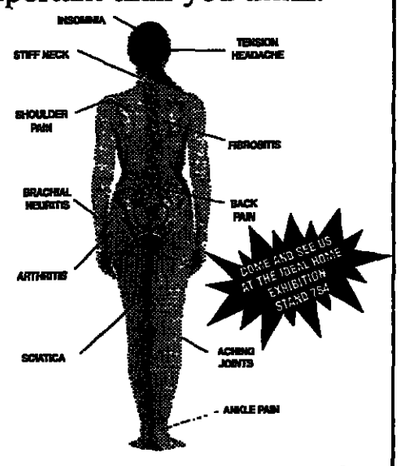
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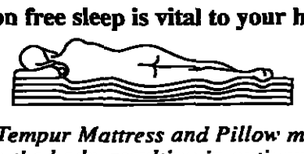
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Technology in the service of holy terror

Tokyo heralds attacks of a new type, says **Christopher Andrew**

The nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway was sadly predictable — so predictable indeed that tonight's programme in my BBC series *New Spies for Old?* actually predicts something very like it. For some years, largely unnoticed by the media, terrorist groups around the world have been preparing for chemical and biological warfare. As long ago as 1979, the French police discovered a terrorist safe house in Paris which contained a laboratory manufacturing botulinum toxin.

A few years ago, a neo-Nazi skinhead group in Dallas, inspired by a perverse admiration for the Holocaust, planned to introduce cyanide into the ventilation system of a local synagogue. Had they not been handicapped by the low IQ which mercifully characterises many of today's neo-Fascist terrorists, they might well have succeeded.

The Tokyo terrorists, alas, were far more sophisticated. They too owe a debt to the horrendous legacy of Nazi chemical and biological warfare experiments. The main constituent of the lethal cocktail used in the Tokyo subway appears to have been Sarin, a nerve gas developed by Nazi scientists during the 1930s, which is 20 times more deadly than cyanide.

> Fanatics always turn to the most destructive weapons

The increasing use by the world's terrorists of weapons of mass destruction is unhappily inevitable. Many of the terrorists of the next century (and alas the end of the 20th century) will not be satisfied, like their predecessors, by the bomb and the bullet. Dr Bruce Hoffmann, who has done as much as any recent scholar to advance our understanding of terrorism, has calculated that fewer than a dozen terrorist attacks over the past century have killed a hundred people or more. We are, however, clearly moving into an era when the numbers of terrorists' victims are likely to be much greater.

The Shia fundamentalists who bombed the World Trade Centre in New York in 1993 had planned not simply to damage but to bring down one of the world's tallest skyscrapers. Had they succeeded, thousands of lives would have been lost. The plan conceived by some of their friends to free the bombers accused of the attack would have laid waste much of central New York City — including the United Nations building. Last December, a group of Algerian fundamentalist hijackers was captured at Marseilles airport aboard an Air Algérie aircraft, which they had planned to crash on the centre of Paris.

Both the World Trade Centre and the Algerian terrorists had no weapon more dangerous than traditional explosives. Some of the new generation of terrorists will use weapons of massive destruction. Somewhere in the world over the next decade, we are likely to witness a chemical, biological or (less probably) nuclear Lockerbie.

Because human nature does not change significantly, there will continue to be a minority of human beings so desperate or deranged that they will be willing to use the most terrible weapons available to them. At present, this minority seems rather larger than it was a generation ago. Bruce Hoffmann has argued persuasively that this is due to the rise of religious-based terrorism. Thirty years ago, there was not a single religious terrorist group anywhere in the world. As recently as 1980, only two of the world's 64 known terrorist groups were religious. Since then, however, Shia terrorist groups alone have been responsible for more than a quarter of the deaths from terrorism. Such groups commonly believe they have divine authority to massacre as many people as they wish.

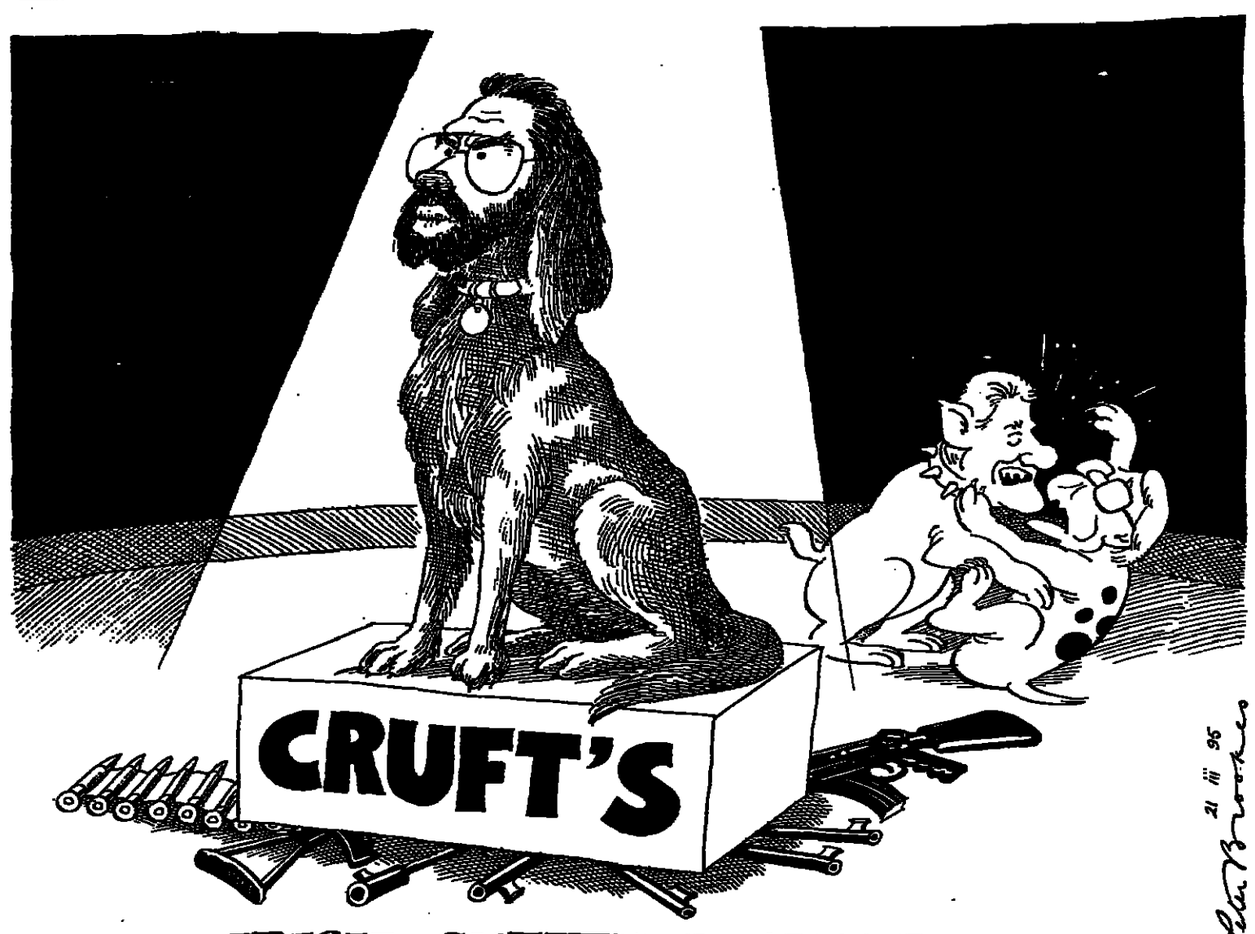
During the 1980s Western governments, though aware of the problems of proliferation, were slow to wake up to the extent of the danger. Intelligence on the Soviet Union's huge biological warfare programme seeped through only slowly to the West, and was initially treated with some scepticism by politicians.

But with the defection to Britain in 1989 of Vladimir Pasechnik, one of the chief Soviet scientists involved in the programme, MI6 obtained proof. When John Major visited Gorbachev in Moscow in 1991, the two men apparently argued violently. When Gorbachev continued his denials, the Prime Minister is said to have shouted: "We've got the goods on you!" Boris Yeltsin later admitted the existence of the biological warfare programme, and promised to close it down. Not the least of the dangers which follow from the disintegration of the Soviet Union is the threat of its expertise in these weapons being used beyond its borders. And it would be rashly optimistic to trust that Middle East fanatics will not imitate the Tokyo terrorists' methods.

Our best defence against this complex menace is accurate intelligence. MI5 already spends more than half its budget on counter-terrorism. The main future business of intelligence agencies will continue to be the monitoring of threats to national security. Now, however, such threats come chiefly from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism and those rogue regimes which are quite prepared to use both.

The world has been a safer place since the threat of a nuclear Armageddon between superpowers was pushed beyond the horizon by the end of the Cold War; but it is rapidly becoming more dangerous once again. Imagine how different the Bosnian crisis would be if one of the combatants had nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. By the end of this century, if the conflict continues, they probably will have.

Christopher Andrew's For the President's Eyes Only *will be published by HarperCollins in June.*



Through a lens, darkly

Hubble bubble, I spoil for trouble: Science Week may not make all clear, but it does make you wonder

Bernard Levin

The Hubble Space Telescope is getting hot under the solar system, or perhaps I should say that it is getting hot under the solar system *again*. First, its mirror was broken — well, we all know about breaking mirrors and having a stint of bad luck — and then it had the nerve to say that the universe has got it all wrong, which, as you can imagine, is making the universe fit to be tied.

Astronomers from all quarters have been joining the fray, and it is one hell of a fray I can tell you, because the Hubble gang insists that the universe is eight billion light years across, not a yard more or less, whereas rival astronomers claim to have just discovered a galaxy fifteen billion smackers old, which means — if the Hubble lot are right — that the newcomers have been at it nine billion light years before the universe existed. (I tried to work out how many noughts would be needed for me to comprehend this discovery properly, but I couldn't find a sheet of paper wide enough.)

To understand what all this is about, the *FT* kindly spared half a page or so for gibberish so magnificently barmy, so gloriously impenetrable, so endearingly preposterous, that I promptly set the whole thing to music. Hark:

> . . . Popular concepts of contemporary cosmology may not survive. One is the "flat universe" containing just enough matter for gravity eventually to stop it expanding but too little to pull everything back together again in a Big Crunch. The latest Hubble observations are likely to revive support for the less dense "open universe" model, in which things will fly apart rapidly for ever. They may even tempt scientists to reconsider the idea, originally put forward by Albert Einstein, of a "cosmological constant". This is a fudge factor, hated and rejected by most cosmologists because they cannot give it any theoretical foundation, which would counteract the force of gravity and push the universe apart more rapidly with time.

And I hope it stays fine for you, ladies and gentlemen.

I would guess that cosmologists are rather nervous animals; the problem is not that the Lord might strike them down with a thunderbolt for their presumption (though He might); nor is it that the rest of us might one day rise *en masse*, demanding to know what use their work is: it is that *they themselves* might one day look at each other and admit that the party's over. Nor would the more sensible ones complain — they would have had a very good party indeed, out of our taxes.

It is true, of course, that no cosmologist has the faintest idea when, where and whether (to say nothing of how) the universe came into being. That being the case, it will be a waste of time to ask why? (And as for who . . ?) But contrary to those who wish that a bit of Alpha Tauri would break off and land on my head, I am very deeply fascinated and indeed moved (who wouldn't be?) at contemplating the immensity of space and what that immensity might mean. I am happy to say that I have already forgotten the name of that man who goes about insisting that the universe has no meaning, and gets furious if anyone argues to the contrary, and I don't want to annoy him gratuitously; but if he really believes what he says (I am sure he does) I do not sneer at him or make jokes about him. I pity him. Come — those magical words will stand another outing:

> Sit, Jessica: look, how the floor of heaven
> Is thick inlaid with patines of bright gold:
> There's not the smallest orb which thou
> behold'st
> But in his motion like an angel sings
> Still quiring to the young-eyed cherubins:
> Such harmony is in immortal souls:
> But whilst this muddy vesture of decay
> Doth grossly close it in, we cannot hear it.

Shakespeare, remember, did not have the good fortune to peer down the Hubble Space Telescope, and I dare not even contemplate what he would have written if he had. Why, we don't need even the child's telescope to be awestruck; just use your eyes and start counting the numbers in the velvet sky. With Hubble telescopes (and I understand that there exist even more powerful instruments), there are literally billions of stars in the universe, and that, of course, is measuring only as far as our Hubbles and SuperHubbles can so far go.

Not long ago, somebody pointed out that the Sun will sooner or later die, and he made it almost precise, saying it will be dead 60 million years from now. (I cannot resist the comment by Beachcomber — J.B. Morton — when he read in a newspaper that "At the rate that the sea is encroaching on the land, Ely Cathedral will be under water in a hundred years from now". His immortal response was "I have sent word to the Bishop".)

It is no use my insisting that those myriads of stars must have a meaning and even a purpose, because the-man-whose-name-I-can't-remember will simply say "that's your belief, but you can't prove it". And I can't, of course, but at this point I play my conclusive card.

At this point, members of the side that says "There is no meaning in the universe", begin to be shifty; some of its warriors slip away when nobody's looking, others begin to hum quietly, or to tap on their teeth with a pencil, others are visibly sweating. Because, of course, they are faced with a demand that they cannot answer, which is "What made the universe?" (When I have had a couple of drinks and feel nice and beastly, I change it to "*Who* made the universe?", which on a good day can get one or two of the enemy within range of bursting point.)

Have you ever studied the unimaginably feeble answers to the scientists' attempt to answer that question? I have; sometimes the neighbours complain that my laughter is keeping them awake.

To be sure, *I* don't know who made the universe either, but then, I don't go about announcing that it was all random. As it happens, I am being unfair; there are many scientists, including leading ones, who are profoundly in awe of the universe, and are quite certain that it is not just scatter-dust. There are no tables to measure by, but I should think that there is a substantial body of belief among the very stargazers. Can anyone really wave a contemptuous hand at these words and go on his way unaffected?

> For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

But assuredly you won't need me to finish the quotation, not even the-man-whose-name-I-can't-remember.

And then I must go and spoil it, by giggling over a headline which read: "American Science: End of Golden Age? Experts fear progress may suffer as more researchers chase fewer grants." (Of course, all the grants would have been without exception for the fight against disease and hunger and such, and every stargazer would have quietly tiptoed away, pausing only to pat on the shoulder the selfless ones.)

Ah, but there is a German team which, under our very noses, is discovering a new element (even I, at school, knew that the table of elements is incomplete); the German team hasn't entirely cracked the code, but it has detected three atoms of the new element. Hurrah, say I, but I have to say it very rapidly indeed, because the excited Krauts' atoms existed for less than two thousandths of a second.

Did I tell you that it is without doubt true that left-handed soldiers in war are more likely to be killed or wounded than right-handers? A scientist discovered this extraordinary fact, and after great cogitation he decided that the reason was that their *right-handed mates* were always bumping into the southpaws because the straights didn't expect the lefties' guns to be where they are. (My sister is left-handed, but I have never heard of her shooting anyone, even deliberately.)

This enormously important revelation was discovered more or less by chance; the original study was of some 6,000 cricketers, and the experts were trying to discover whether left-handed cricketers die younger than right-handed ones. The answer was no, and who would begrudge the money it cost to find that it wasn't yes? Ah, science, science!

Of left and write

Daniel Johnson disputes Martin Amis's claim

It is always a mistake for a novelist to identify himself with his own characters. Like most of those who have met him, I enjoy Martin Amis's company; like millions of readers, I enjoy his novels. The latest, *The Information*, is a brilliant comedy of manners about novelists' success and failure. Rich intellectuals are of course more fun to lampoon than the Cedric Browns of this world, and in context the assertion that "every writer in England votes Labour" makes perfect sense: it was, I thought, implicitly a criticism of one aspect of the literary freemasonry. But television, the great temptress, has seduced Mr Amis into repeating the claim in his own persona, and that will do him no good.

His attempt at greater precision ("for a 40-year-old writer in England there is nothing else to be") does not help his case. Consider those British writers who, like him, are now middle-aged: between 40 and 60, say. It would be rash to assume that (for instance) Peter Ackroyd, A.S. Byatt and Tom Stoppard will be trooping dutifully into the polling booths to vote for Tony Blair. Mr Amis may be right about the politics of his friends (and former friends) such as Ian McEwan, Julian Barnes and Salman Rushdie, but their socialism is often an aesthetic rather than an ethical imperative.

Older writers, like most people, tend to be more sceptical of radical or Utopian politics. J.G. Ballard has already dismissed Mr Amis's claim. And his own father's contempt for the Left is too obvious to be worth mentioning — except to point out that Sir Kingsley's politics may well be just as typical of his generation as Martin's are of his. Readers of Anthony Powell's recently-published *Journals, 1982-1986* will have noticed how profoundly Margaret Thatcher impressed not only the author, but many of his literary contemporaries. Above all, religion matters more to the older generation, and this may reinforce their conservatism: for every John Mortimer there is an Alice Thomas Ellis.

Less easy to summarise are the political opinions of Mr Amis's juniors. They exist in what the late Christopher Lasch called "the culture of narcissism", in which the active individualism of the past has been replaced by a passive, self-absorbed individualism. The State is seen by the young both as a milch-cow and as a Big Brother, but usually just as an irrelevance. This hostility towards collectivism does not preclude an assumption that the State ought to respond instantly to every media hullabaloo.

Against this background of the melancholy, long, withdrawing roar of socialism, young writers enjoy their freedom to be as eclectic in politics as they are in sex, food or literature. I doubt whether the likes of Will Self or Esther Freud spend their evenings in earnest drawing room debates about politics, such as the famous Campden Hill Square gatherings organised by the Pinters.

Just now, most of them may indeed intend to vote Labour at the next general election (so do the rest of the public), but that does not mean that they define themselves as habitual Labour voters. There is an instinctive resistance to such definitions. The pseudo-scientific optimism which gave Labour its appeal to the young in 1945 has given way to a *fin de siècle* mood of political pessimism, of which Labour may be the accidental beneficiary.

Looking back over the past century, the assumption that writers are generally left-wing has only a spurious validity, which depends on redefining literary distinction. Ernst Jünger, who will celebrate his 100th birthday this year, is largely ignored in his native Germany, despite having written veritable classics such as *On the Marble Cliffs* six decades ago. Why? Because he was (and is) a right-wing nationalist, though never a Nazi.

The same fate, or worse, befell Louis-Ferdinand Céline, perhaps the greatest French novelist since Proust. Insofar as he is studied now, it is as a pathological example of literary anti-Semitism, and the revolutionary style of *Journey to the End of Night* is dismissed as "totalitarian poetics".

One does not have to share John Carey's hostile view of British literary snobbery in *The Intellectuals and the Masses* to agree that a good many of the greatest 20th-century writers were right-wing: Kipling, Conrad, Yeats, Lawrence, Pound, Eliot, Waugh. They all despised the progressive literary culture in which they lived.

In his review of Simon Heffer's life of Carlyle in last Thursday's *Times*, Peter Ackroyd hazarded the provocative thought that "all great wits are, of necessity, Tory". Martin Amis is quite witty enough to disprove that generalisation, but his novel tends to confirm it. For if the writers whose frailties were his subject voted Labour, Mr Amis had no choice but to write a Tory novel. And that is just what *The Information* is.

Daniel Johnson's documentary, The Great Leviathan: The British State, 1945-1995, *will be broadcast on Radio 3 on Friday at 10.45 pm.*

One's timing

LIFE IN the Queen Vic, a fictional pub frequented by characters in the BBC soap *EastEnders*, clearly takes priority in some quarters over the activities of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The Government has delayed the ceremonial lighting of a bonfire by the Queen in Hyde Park on VE-Day until the end of *EastEnders*, so as to avoid a clash with the popular soap.

A source on the organising committee of the ceremony said that *EastEnders*, which goes out at 8pm and pulls in 20 million viewers, was one of the factors considered. "We were surprised that the lighting ceremony was to be so late," he says, "but we were told that they didn't want to clash with *EastEnders*."

As a result, the Queen will strike her match, live on television, ten minutes after the soap finishes at 8.40pm, thereby providing the signal for other beacons across the country to be lit.

A speech by the Queen to more than 50 heads of state at a VE-Day banquet two days beforehand, on May 6, is also being timed to avoid a clash with popular television. It has been timed at 7.30pm to prevent it coinciding with the National Lottery draw at 7.50pm.

The Second World War commemorative team organising the VE-Day celebrations yesterday played down the importance of television in determining the schedule: "The timing of the lighting ceremony has more to do with the fact that the beacon needs to be lit when it is dark — and this is when the sun goes down."

● *Tony Blair may yet come to the rescue of John Major as he frets about Gerry Adams's fundraising opportunities in the United States. If Labour gets into power, Blair proposes to change the law concerning foreign donations to British parties. This would prevent Sinn Fein from legally transferring money out of the US into Northern Ireland.*



On the horns

HER MAJESTY will be presented, during her visit to South Africa, with a hefty dilemma: a pedigree bull. In true Zulu tradition, the Queen will be expected to take home the animal given her by the head of KwaZulu/Natal, Dr Frank Mdlalose. But it looks as if tradition is to be cast aside.

"The Queen, as you know, is travelling out to South Africa on a chartered British Airways 757," says her press spokesman. "I am afraid it is not large enough to carry the bull back to Britain." Our man in South Africa, Sir Anthony Reeve, confirmed that the bull will remain with the Zulus: "Taking it home would require some modification of the programme."

● *BT must be hoping that its newspaper advertisement featuring Virginia Wade's Wimbledon win accompanied by the catchphrase "It's one to remember" will quickly be forgotten. The ads say her triumph took place on June 1, 1977 — whereas she won the cup a month later, on July 1.*

In the pink

SEX HAS finally appeared in the pages of the *Financial Times*. The Pink 'Un devoted nearly half a page to a story concerning Rupert Pennant-Rae, 47, the Bank's deputy governor, and his affair with a journalist, Mary Ellen Synon, 44. Although splashed across the tabloids, the story was all but ignored by other broadsheets.

"It was a decision taken after a long discussion," said one *FT* journalist. "There were mixed opinions about it." But David Walker, the executive editor, defended the coverage as being an area of legitimate public interest. "What we did not seek to do was write a salacious story. We avoided that aspect." Which meant no picture of Synon, nor any mention of her name.

Ripping yarn

IN THE aftermath of England's victory over Scotland, the need to find Victor Ubogu some more substantial shorts is of pressing concern. The major saga of Saturday's rugby game was that the prop had to change his shorts three times because they could not take the strain.

Some blamed the pressure of his formidable thighs. But he blamed the opposition. "The shorts just seemed to go when we went down in the scrum," he explained. "The opposition prop kept pulling at my pockets and they ripped."

Ubogu also ripped through a pair against Wales. "I don't know if anything can be done to prevent it in the World Cup." The manufacturer, Cotton Traders of Lancashire, says there is. "We could do it," says a spokesman. "The way they are constructed would have to be changed. But we need the go-ahead from the Rugby Union." At Twickenham yesterday, the overlords of the kit-room refused to comment.

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Caught shorts: the big man

TO MOSCOW

Clinton is right to join Russia's Victory Day

There are at least ten million reasons for President Clinton to be in Moscow on May 9, as Russians celebrate the 50th anniversary of a victory achieved at terrible human and material cost. To refuse would have been worse than a diplomatic snub to the Yeltsin Government. To ordinary Russians, Victory Day is a sacred national holiday which has assumed particular psychological importance as a rallying point for national pride in the midst of economic hardships and political uncertainties. By deciding to visit Kiev as well, Mr Clinton underlines the historical symbolism of his presence.

Insults to national pride are often remembered long after political disputes have faded. The exclusion of Russia from last year's D-Day events was widely and keenly resented. Wartime intra-Allied arguments about delays in opening a Western front were revived, and in Russia, there is still little quarrel with Stalin's assertion that Soviet soldiers were left to bear the lion's share of casualties. For Mr Clinton to have pleaded "scheduling problems" on this, the 50th anniversary of Hitler's defeat, would have struck many ordinary Russians as a calculated insult to their dead, and persuaded them that President Yeltsin was right to give warning, last December in Budapest, of "a cold peace" with the West.

There were good reasons, too, for Washington to hesitate before taking up Mr Yeltsin's invitation. The first is that it was issued in January, when Russian troops were pulverising Grozny. With the fighting in Chechenia far from ended, and human rights violations continuing, the White House was understandably nervous that television coverage of Mr Clinton reviewing a Russian military march-past would be accompanied by footage of slain Chechens. But Mr Yeltsin has eliminated the possibility of such embarrassment. There will now be two parades, in different parts of Moscow. The one to which foreign leaders are invited will consist of Second World War veterans only.

The second factor to be taken into account was that this is to be a working summit, as well as a ceremonial occasion. With Republicans threatening to cut already pledged aid, notably money to rehouse Russian troops withdrawn from the Baltics, unless the Administration demonstrated firmness in dealing with Moscow, the White House needed to assess the prospects for a successful outcome with particular care.

There is a portfolio of important issues on which America and Russia are sharply at odds: they include the expansion of Nato, Bosnia, the maintenance of sanctions against Iraq, and Russia's contract with Iran to rebuild a nuclear plant. Anxiety has also been mounting in Washington that Mr Yeltsin will be tempted to defer or cancel parliamentary elections this December and the presidential elections due next June.

Many of these arguments are too intractable to be solved at this summit. But that is why they must not even appear to be neglected by Washington, and it matters that Mr Yeltsin clearly wants a meeting enough to make energetic overtures, even suggesting that the two sides start work on a third Start treaty on nuclear disarmament. Precisely because the days when Moscow could confidently be assumed to attach priority to working with Washington in international affairs are over, this is a strategic relationship that urgently needs tending.

Mr Clinton will not attend the VE celebrations in London, Paris or Berlin. Whatever the day-to-day diplomatic difficulties, the capitals have no need of such symbolism, and it is nothing but reasonable for an American President to wish to be with his own people on this anniversary. The next step for John Major, who also has his invitation to Moscow, is to announce promptly that he too will be there.

HOW NOT TO

A general lesson in maladministration from the CSA

There can be no better example of good policy being translated into bad practice than the setting-up of the Child Support Agency. An excellent notion, supported by all parties, that absent parents should pay a realistic amount towards the upbringing of their children, became a saga of administrative incompetence, ministerial ineptitude and crass injustice. Yesterday's report on the CSA from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration must be one of the toughest cross-party indictments of government in modern times.

The select committee finds it astonishing that the Department of Social Security, in setting up the CSA, did not learn lessons from the debacle that followed the introduction of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in 1992. Unacceptable delays in the processing of claims when that new benefit was introduced led to great distress and hardship. At the time, this committee wrote: "In future we expect there to be much greater preparedness, training and contingency planning before embarking on major projects." There was not. That the same department was responsible for the shambles of the CSA suggests a reluctance to learn from past mistakes that would lead to bankruptcy in a private company.

Yesterday's report paints a picture of an agency that was doomed from the start. Forced to meet stringent financial targets by the Treasury, it sacrificed quality of service for quantity. The Ombudsman, in a report published in January, found "mistaken identity, inadequate procedures, failure to answer correspondence, incorrect or misleading advice, delay in the assessment and review of child support maintenance, and in its payment to the parent with care". The Chief Child Support Officer examined 1,380 maintenance assessment decisions and found only 545 of them to be correct. The committee concludes: "The work of the CSA touches on the most difficult and sensitive aspect of many people's lives. The Agency should not add to the individual's distress by sloppy procedures, carelessness, delay, inattention or incompetence." It did.

The CSA's staff were given far too little training for the job: only six weeks to start with, even though the maintenance calculations were exceedingly complex. The Ombudsman had already criticised the department for training DLA staff inadequately. The new head of the CSA, Ann Chant, admitted in evidence to the committee that the DSS "always found . . . a period of about 10, 12, 13 weeks will be required to train people . . . before they are allowed to start handling cases in earnest". It would not have needed hindsight for ministers to spot this problem before it arose.

Officials blame the extent of public opposition to the CSA for many of its failings. Yet that hostility could have been foreseen — and need not have been so great had the grip of the Treasury been resisted. In Australia and New Zealand, child support was introduced relatively peacefully because, crucially, it dealt only with new cases. Retrospective legislation is bad law: it is unpopular because it is unjust. To ask the CSA to reopen cases where a clean-break settlement had already been agreed was bound to produce outrage.

Had the Treasury allowed the CSA to assess only new cases, had it set a target that emphasised efficient service to the public over cost savings, had it given the CSA a realistic budget for staff and training, a good idea might just have been turned into good policy. DSS ministers carry blame too for failing to spot the inadequacies in time and for designing too rigid a formula for the CSA to follow. All ministers and senior civil servants should now be obliged to use the CSA as a case study in bad government.

AS MERIT ORDERS

The Queen pays tribute to a gracious Mandela

"Nkosi Sikelel' i Afrika," said the Queen at the end of her address yesterday to South Africa's Parliament. By her invocation of the poignant Xhosa anthem, she left no one in doubt that she endorsed the direction taken by the country in striving "to reconcile the seemingly irreconcilable".

Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black President, was acclaimed not by gracious words alone. The Queen chose also to decorate him in a manner commensurate with his stature as one of the foremost statesmen of the age. In bestowing on him the Order of Merit — an honour held only by Mother Teresa, among living non-Britons — she paid to South Africa's democratic revolution a rich and proper tribute.

Mr Mandela, for his part, was as chivalrous as he was courtly. "Your Majesty, this is a high honour indeed," he said, on receiving the Order. His admiration for the Queen was equally apparent in his words on Radio Four's *Today* programme, when he told his interlocutor that he had "always admired the British Royal Family," and that "sitting down and entertaining" the Queen in South Africa had always been one of his "great ambitions".

In paying eloquent homage to the Queen, Mr Mandela has chosen to salute the values Britain to his newly democratic country. These values are those which, in the words of the Queen, will permit South Africa to "fulfil the most fundamental ideals with dignity", and to ensure that the country is one where "the word and spirit are free".

The Queen was last in South Africa in February 1947. The Empire was on the cusp of momentous change: India was to attain its independence only a few months later, and South Africa was soon to institute the political philosophy — apartheid — which would earn the country the scorn of the international community.

Mr Mandela was then just 30 years of age and had — with Oliver Tambo and Walter Sisulu — formed the African National Congress only three years earlier. In spite of the radicalism with which he was then imbued, he chose to remember with affection yesterday the last visit to South Africa of a British monarch. "We worshipped the British Royal Family," he declared, in words that were as generous as they were politic.

At a time when more recent political arrangements have held Britain in an ugly vice — and have compelled us, for example, to spurn Canada's claims in its fishing dispute with Spain — the Queen's visit to South Africa serves to remind us of the tenacity of our primordial ties and the value of an older Commonwealth

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Positive nuclear arms control

From Lord Healey and others

Sir, In a few weeks, one of the most important events in the 20th century will take place at the United Nations in New York. Beginning on April 17, the 172 states party to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which entered into force in 1970, will decide how to extend the treaty.

We write to urge the Government to act more positively than it is currently doing to ensure that the treaty is strengthened and accorded a long-term extension. The NPT is by far the most important legal impediment to the acquisition of nuclear weapons. Equally, without it, the nuclear-weapon states would be under no obligation to "pursue negotiations in good faith" to reduce and eventually eliminate their nuclear weapons.

Recent Russian and American statements have reiterated that they understand the goal of the NPT is a nuclear-weapon free world, as set out in article VI. While not going this far, the Prime Minister said in Budapest on December 5 last year that the treaty provides "the only internationally agreed framework for negotiations on nuclear disarmament".

Regrettably, however, in our view, the Prime Minister leads a government which is refusing to take advantage of this framework. In 1993-94, for example, along with China, Britain wished to continue nuclear testing when the US, Russia and France had stopped. Now, it is contributing to the unfortunate delay in concluding a comprehensive test ban treaty — a stated objective of the NPT — by continuing to insist on "safety tests" which would rob the agreement of much of its value.

Even more seriously, the Government gives no indication of being willing to enter British strategic nuclear forces into negotiations, despite its treaty obligations, invitations from the UN Secretary-General and President Yeltsin, and, reportedly, some private urging from the US.

This abrogation of treaty responsibilities is compounded by the fact that the UK is in the process of replacing its existing Polaris submarines with a Trident fleet which the Government is proposing to arm with up to twice as many warheads, capable of hitting many more targets.

Such actions — or inaction — drain the Prime Minister's words of much of their meaning. Unless the Government takes a more active approach to nuclear arms control, and in particular announces its preparedness to enter disarmament negotiations, a successful extension and subsequent strengthening of the NPT will be put in doubt.

A pro-disarmament approach will enhance this country's security far more than excessive numbers of missiles and warheads.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS HEALEY,
WAYLAND KENNET,
CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW,
House of Lords.
March 16.

Official welcome

From Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Hitchcott

Sir, That Canon Tolley can refer to guards of honour as "meaningless" symbolism (letter, March 15) takes little account of the biblical importance of entry points to strategic areas such as cities.

In Old Testament times, goods were bought and sold at the city gates and important legal matters were dealt with inside them (Ruth iv, 11). We learn very early on in the Scriptures (Genesis xxii, 17) that the city gates were symbols of power and authority. Those who controlled the gates controlled entry to and exit from the city; thus it was the city elders who sat at the gates to exercise their authority there (Proverbs xxxi, 23). Additionally, since the gates were of such strategic importance, it was necessary to provide guards to maintain control of them.

Today ports, airports and other points of entry or welcome are to be regarded as symbolic of gates, and the "turning out of the guard" is a compliment from the one exercising authority at the gates to a visiting dignitary or authority.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM HITCHCOTT,
12 Eggars Hill,
Aldershot, Hampshire.
March 15.

Desert island quizzing

From Mr John Spencer

Sir, How odd of Brenda Maddox (article, March 15) to compare the treatment of Eric Hobsbawm on *Desert Island Discs* with Galileo's persecution by the Inquisition. Is Ms Maddox saying that Hobsbawm's obstinate attachment to Stalin and his successors is as valid as Galileo's defence of scientific truth? One would love to hear what Galileo thought of that idea.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. SPENCER,
38 Earlsfield Road, SW18.

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Screening of euthanasia film sharpens public debate

From Sir Ludovic Kennedy

Sir, The early day motion signed by more than a hundred anxious MPs and the letter from Dr Twycross, the Archbishop of York and others (report, March 15; letter, March 16) not only deplored the BBC's screening of the Dutch film *Death on Request* before they had even seen it but made scaremongering comments on what to expect if voluntary euthanasia was ever permitted here.

The most damaging and misleading of these was the charge that in Holland euthanasia is routinely practised without the patient's consent, thus giving the impression that doctors there are acting irresponsibly.

But people should know there is one situation in all Western countries when involuntary euthanasia is often given: this is when the patient has only hours to live, is no longer able to give consent, but whose grieving relatives, unwilling to tolerate his (and their own) sufferings any more, beg the doctor to help him on his way.

Doctors here can do this within the law because of the double effects of diamorphine: a controlled dose alleviates pain, a massive dose can end life. Who is to say what the doctor's intention is?

The same let-out clause applies to cases of voluntary euthanasia, now being increasingly administered here, although still a criminal offence. A recent report in the *British Medical Journal* told of more than 30 per cent of 138 Cambridgeshire doctors canvassed admitting in confidence to hastening the deaths of patients in terminal decline who had requested it. Other doctors have told me the same.

Most deaths are good deaths. But there will always be a small but growing number of patients like the one in *Death on Request*, being slowly suffocated by motor neurone disease or the young girl mentioned in the discussion after the film whose body had been so eaten away by cancer that she was vomiting her own faeces, for whom nothing more can be done.

If the opponents of voluntary euthanasia have their way, patients will be condemned to further suffering however good the quality of palliative care.

Surely it is time for the position to be regularised so that, given adequate safeguards, those doctors who say they would be prepared to administer voluntary euthanasia, once it was permitted, can be enabled to do so, and those who are breaking the law by practising it now can be relieved of the fear of criminal prosecution.

Yours etc,
LUDOVIC KENNEDY,
Ashdown, Avebury, Wiltshire.
March 19.

From Mr Thomas E. Woodsend

Sir, It was entirely proper for the signatories to a letter on March 16 opposing the screening of a proposed TV programme on euthanasia to express their views. I found it puzzling, though, that the signatories should say that discussion is to be encouraged but then deplore this one contribution to the debate for its one-sidedness.

I saw the programme and it seemed low-key and in good taste. No doubt it was widely watched. One wonders whether any of the signatories to the letter saw it too and perhaps changed their views.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS E. WOODSEND,
7 Belmont Road,
Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.
March 17.

From Mr Luke Gormally

Sir, Your Health Services Correspondent reports (March 15) the BBC as saying that the film *Death on Request* is neither for nor against euthanasia. In the context of public debate in this country about the legalisation of euthanasia, and the fre-quently heard claim that Dutch practice is exemplary, the BBC's statement is disingenuous.

By concentrating on only one case the film could convey the impression that the practice of euthanasia in Holland conforms to the guidelines established there by the courts to ensure that euthanasia remained voluntary. The impression is deceptive.

On a conservative estimate at least 10,558 patients in Holland were intentionally killed by their doctors in 1990, almost one in 12 deaths from all causes in that year. More than half of those killings (5,450) were cases of non-voluntary euthanasia. Holland's supposedly strict guidelines for the practice of euthanasia have never been enforceable, so that it is unsurprising that non-voluntary euthanasia has secured a firm place in Dutch medical practice.

Since 1988, working parties of the Royal Dutch Medical Association have condoned the killing, in certain circumstances, of handicapped newborn babies, patients in persistent coma, and patients with advanced dementia. This position is indeed logical, since if euthanasia is truly a benefit it must seem unreasonable to deprive patients of it just because they are incompetent.

The signatories of Mrs Marion Roe's early day motion in the House of Commons, as well as Dr Twycross and his co-signatories, have their facts right about Dutch euthanasia.

Yours sincerely,
LUKE GORMALLY
(Director),
The Linacre Centre,
60 Grove End Road, NW8.
March 16.

From Dr C. D. Lacey

Sir, While watching the patient, his wife and the doctor struggling with the problems of euthanasia on *Death on Request* last night, I longed to gather them all up and bring them over to a hospice in this country.

The patient appeared to be offered no help other than the stark choice between euthanasia and an eventual agonising death, possibly by suffocation, accompanied by pain of increasing severity. How different would be this outlook in any hospice here.

He could be assured that he need not suffer any further pain, his distress would be significantly relieved by the appropriate doses of sedatives and he would certainly not be allowed to die struggling for breath. Most importantly, he would be offered skilled nursing and moral, mental and, if required, spiritual support.

Finally, rather than his doctor feeling exhausted and unable to sleep after his death, and his wife having to be asked if she felt she had really done the right thing, they both could enjoy the peace of mind coming from helping him to achieve a peaceful and dignified end: a true *eu-thanatos*, or good death.

Yours truly,
C. D. LACEY
(Trustee and past medical director),
St Wilfrid's Hospice,
Grosvenor Road,
Chichester, West Sussex.
March 16.

Export ban on anti-personnel mines

From Mr Rae McGrath

Sir, Yesterday's announcement by Mr David Davis, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (report, March 16), that Britain had banned the export of "non-detectable" anti-personnel mines, is meaningless.

Britain has never made such mines, nor does it have any plans to do so, and Mr Davis's announcement signals no more than a continuation of the deliberate Government policy, led by the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office, to counter the growing campaign to ban the production, export and use of anti-personnel mines.

The strategy is to convince the people of this country that the Government is responding to the humanitarian crisis caused by the trade in, and use of, these weapons, while ensuring that in reality nothing changes.

At a recent DTI briefing it was stated that, on the advice of the Ministry of Defence, the Department does not classify the HB876, a mine that Britain does make, as a "mine" for export purposes. The manufacturers, Hunting Engineering, are less coy, however. They boast in their promotional literature that the HB876 area-denial mine can be "activated randomly", that it is "exceptionally difficult to clear", can "disable clearance vehicles" and is a "long-lasting threat".

It is reassuring to read, in the same report, that Baroness Chalker recognises the need to fund mine clearance programmes — we would welcome the Overseas Development Administration if it decides to join our campaign.

The ODA appears to be alone among government departments in recognising the suffering and misery caused among refugees and poor farming communities by these unacceptable weapons.

Yours faithfully,
RAE McGRATH
(Director), Mines Advisory Group,
54a Main Street,
Cockermouth, Cumbria.
March 16.

Pakistan's problems

From Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP for Reading East (Conservative)

Sir, It is not for me to defend or fight the battles of the Prime Minister of Pakistan (report, February 18; leading article, March 9; letter, March 15). What is important, however, is to be fair and balanced. As Foreign Office Minister, Tony Baldry, MP, said in the House of Commons, on March 1, "this is not the time to turn our backs on Pakistan". Pakistan and Prime Minister Bhutto face considerable problems, but with our help and support we will enable them to overcome these.

Your leader implies disapproval of Ms Bhutto for the frequency of her overseas travel. The objective of these visits is to attract foreign investment. Indeed, during her recent visit to London, the Government of Pakistan signed memoranda of understanding worth £1 billion with British investors.

Ms Bhutto's aim is to generate employment at home, so that she can redress the socio-economic disparities that are, in part, responsible for the present unrest. She has taken a number of steps to bring an end to the turmoil including a crackdown on Islamic militancy.

In your report Ms Bhutto is criticised for failing to redress "the institutionalised persecution of women". This is incorrect. A number of steps have been taken, including the introduction of police stations run by and for women; the establishment of women's banks; the appointment of women judges to the higher courts and the intended recruitment of 20,000 women health visitors, social workers and paramedics.

That Pakistan does have problems cannot be denied. However, it should also be acknowledged that the Government is intent on tackling them.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD VAUGHAN
(Member, Britain-Pakistan Group),
House of Commons.

Moses unadopted

From Mr Bernard G. Hart

Sir, You reported (March 9) that the painting *The Finding of Moses* by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, which is expected to fetch $2.5-$3 million when it goes on sale in May, was discovered "dumped in an alley" in St James's "shortly after being sold by the Newman Gallery" in the late 1950s.

As a former director of M. Newman Ltd, I recall that Newmans had purchased this picture at the sale of F. W. Reeves of Wolverhampton in 1950 and sold it straight away to a collector. Early in 1960 our client moved to a smaller house and asked us to sell it, along with *The Roses of Heliogabalus*, which also had come from the Reeves collection.

We had both pictures on show in the gallery for about six months but no buyers were forthcoming so the owner decided to put them up for sale at Christie's in December 1960. Both were unsold. Our client then asked me to offer both pictures, without charge, to any museum or public building.

I remember writing many letters trying to give them away but no one wanted them. Eventually they went to New York where they were sold.

I have never heard the story about *The Finding of Moses* once being abandoned in an alley and if this is true then Newmans had no part in its recovery.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD HART,
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Beds for acutely ill

From Dr Andrew Lawson

Sir, Amid the political point-scoring that surrounds the recent transport of a critically head-injured patient from Kent to Leeds [letters, March 14], an important point seems to have been missed.

Whilst there may not have been a bed on an intensive care unit (ICU) in London or the home counties, I cannot believe that there was no facility that could have operated to remove the clot from the patient's brain.

The widely acknowledged lack of intensive care services, and the consequent scarcity of beds, do not mean that a patient cannot be operated on as an emergency, particularly where a delay is potentially life-threatening.

I have this week had to move patients across London from our ICU in the middle of the night to facilitate emergency admissions.

It is not an optimal situation, but if emergency surgery is required we operate first and then find an ICU bed for the patient during or after surgery. A stable patient in the post-operative period presents a better risk for transport than one whose condition is deteriorating.

Yours etc,
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(Consultant,
Intensive Care Unit),
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Chelsea and Westminster Hospital,
369 Fulham Road, SW10.
March 10.

Loss of the Cross

From the Reverend Alan Robson

Sir, It is typical of the candyfloss religion that passes for Christianity these days that the Church's advertisers should dispense with the Crucifixion, with which most people could identify and which almost certainly happened, in favour of a miraculous Resurrection, which is beyond anyone's experience and which almost certainly didn't [report, March 10; letters, March 14].

Yours faithfully,
ALAN ROBSON,
The Rectory,
Wrotham, Kent.
March 10.

Liquid assets

From Mr John R. Brown

Sir, May I, through your columns, express my gratitude to Allied Domecq for yet another increase in the price of beer in my local pub. As a result of this my consumption has decreased substantially. My purse, and presumably my liver, are benefiting considerably. Perhaps I'll survive ten years longer — I doubt if the sixteenth-century pub will.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROWN,
Bookham Grove House,
Great Bookham, Surrey.
March 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
March 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked from *HMY Britannia* this morning at Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, and were received by The President of the Republic of South Africa and Miss Rochel Mtirara.

Having inspected a Guard of Honour, Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, drove with the President to Tuynhuys.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards walked to Parliament where the Speaker welcomed Her Majesty and The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, subsequently attended a Reception for Members of Parliament in the Parliamentary Museum and honoured the Speaker with her presence at Luncheon.

In the afternoon Deputy President Mbeki, Deputy President de Klerk, Dr Buthelezi (Chairman of the Inkatha Freedom Party) and Mr Hernus Kriel (Premier of the Western Cape) were received by The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained by The President of the Republic of South Africa at a State Dinner at the Cape Sun Hotel this evening.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards embarked in HMY Britannia.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon initiated a new waterfront development at the Victoria and Alfred Docks.

His Royal Highness, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, later received a delegation from World Wide Fund for Nature (South Africa) in HMY Britannia.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr James Crowden (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire) at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel the Hon Peter Brassey (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire) which was held in St John the Baptist's Church, Barnack, Cambridgeshire, this afternoon.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by the Lady Angela Oswald.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, today attended the Annual Butler Trust Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the *Development Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped)*, this evening attended a Dinner at 2 Wilton Terrace, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 20: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Network Housing Association Limited, this morning opened Waterside Court, Hormead Wharf, Hormead Road, London W9.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
March 20: Princess Alexandra was represented by Dame Mona Mitchell at the Requiem Mass for Lieutenant Commander A.P. Wilkinson, Royal Navy, which was held this morning at St Peter's Church, Portland Road, Hove, East Sussex.

Mr Louis Heren

A memorial service for Louis Heren, a former deputy editor of *The Times*, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, March 28, at 11.30.

General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour

A memorial service for General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 29, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

Appointments

Dr Peter Williams to be a trustee and chairman of the board of trustees of the Science Museum from January 1, 1996.

To be Deputy Lieutenants of Cornwall: Air Vice-Marshal Richard Allerton; Elizabeth Bolitho; Viscountess Boyd of Merton; Michael Latham; David Treffry; John Williams.

Timothy Mason, 49, chief executive of the London Arts Board since 1991, to be director of the Museums and Galleries Commission from July 1.

Birthdays today

Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, 65; Mr Peter Brook, theatrical producer, 70; Dr C.L. Brundin, president, Templeton College, Oxford, 64; Mr Brian Clough, former football manager, 59; Miss Ann Clwyd, MP, 58; Mr Timothy Dalton, actor, 49; Mr Ieuan Evans, rugby player, 31; Mr Michael Foreman, writer and illustrator, 57; Mrs Llin Golding, MP, 62; Sir John Hall, former chairman, Cameron Hall Developments, 62; Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, MP, 46; Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, 62; Mr Antony Hopkins, composer and conductor, 74; Mr Frederic Horne, former Chief Taxing Master, Supreme Court, 78; Miss Ann Mackay, soprano, 39; Sir Peter Main, former chairman, The Boots Company, 70; the Earl of Munster, 69; Baroness Nicol, 72; Lord Oaksey, 66; Sir John Palmer, former president, Law Society, 75; Professor J.D. Pickard, consultant neurosurgeon, 49; Mr Geoffrey Pinnington, former editor, *Sunday People*, 76; Sir Brian Shaw, chairman, Port of London Authority, 62; Viscount Soulbury, 80; the Earl of Swinton, 58; Lord Wilson of Langside, QC, 79.



A Battle Between Romans and Sabines, one of the Poussin drawings from the Queen's Collection that are being exhibited at the Dulwich Picture Gallery. The Prince of Wales will today visit the gallery to see the exhibition

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11; will visit the Dulwich Picture Gallery to view the Poussin Drawings from the Royal Collection exhibition at 2.30; will open the St Giles Trust Centre for Homeless People, Camberwell Church Street, Camberwell, at 3.30; and, as Patron of the King's Library Trust, will be the host at a dinner at St James's Palace at 8.

The Princess of Wales will attend the opening of the Richard Avedon exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery at 7pm.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a photographic auction at Coutts and Co, 440 Strand, at 6.40.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund shop at 159 King Street, Great Yarmouth, at 10.10; as President of the International League for the Protection of Horses, will open the new Riding for the Disabled Association and Visitors' Centre, Overa House Farm, Larling, at 11.15; as president, will visit the new International League for the Protection of Horses Headquarters at Anne Colvin House, Snetterton, at 12.10; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Black Sheep, 9 Penfold Street, Aylsham, Norfolk, at 2.30; and, as President of RedR, Engineers for Disaster Relief, will attend a working dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the renovated Drumlanrig's Tower, Hawick, Roxburghshire, at noon; and will visit St Mary's Preparatory School, Melrose, at 2.10 to mark the school's centenary year.

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will visit St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, at 11.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Sebastian Bach, composer, Eisenbach, Germany, 1685; Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, architect, Dormans-sur-Marne, 1736; Jean Paul Richter, humorist, Wunsiedel, Germany, 1763; Jean Baptiste Fourier, mathematician, Auxerre, France, 1768; Henry Kirke White, poet, Nottingham, 1785; Benito Juarez, President of Mexico 1861-72, San Pablo, Mexico, 1806; Modest Mussorgsky, composer, Karevo, 1835; Albert Chevalier, music hall entertainer, London, 1861; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Chicago, 1869; Hans Hofmann, painter, Weissenberg, Germany, 1880; Erich Mendelsohn, architect, Allenstein, East Prussia, 1887.

DEATHS: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-56, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1556; James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh 1625-56, Reigate, Surrey, 1656; Samuel Parker, Bishop of Oxford 1686-88, Oxford, 1688; John Law, economist, Venice, 1729; Richard Dawes, scholar, Heworth, Newcastle, 1766; Jean-Baptiste Greuze, painter, Paris, 1805; Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Keswick, 1843; William Scoresby, clergyman and Arctic explorer, Torquay, 1857; Sir Michael Redgrave, actor, Denham, Buckinghamshire, 1985; Leo Fender, pioneer of the electric guitar, Fullerton, California, 1991.

Aneurin Bevan announced government proposals for a National Health Service, 1946.

Dr Kwame Nkrumah was elected the first African prime minister south of the Saharah, 1952.

Africans were massacred by police at Sharpeville, South Africa, 1960.

Alcatraz prison in the bay of San Francisco closed, 1963.

Latest wills

Lord Sharp of Grimsdyke, of Knightsbridge, chairman of Cable and Wireless 1980-90, who established Mercury Communications, left estate valued at £909,577 net.

School news

Downe House

Scholarships, 1995
Under 12
Open Scholarships: Julia Flint, Sydenham High School; Sophie Parry, Broomwood Hall.
Minor Scholarships: Louisa FitzGerald, The Querns; Arabella Llewellyn, St Swithuns Junior School; Katharine Steger, Rosemead Preparatory School.
Under 13
Open Scholarship: Louisa Bradford, Butterstone School.
Minor Scholarships: Catherine Hinds, The Perse School; Rowena Tudor-Evans, Terra Nova School.
Exhibitions: Lucy Holmes, Godstowe School; Emilia Law, Downe House; Emma Pinney, Downe House.
Art Exhibitions: Mischa Varmuza, Godstowe School; Juliet Pollock, Downe House.
Under 14
Olive Willis Scholarships: Clara Barby, Bilton Grange; Frances Jeune, St Michaels Preparatory School, Jersey.
Open Scholarships: Anjani Reddy, Dragon School, Oxford; Rachel Whitworth, Sydenham High School.
Exhibitions: Katharine Bairstow, Downe House; Sophie Franklin, The Abbey School; Clare Marnham, Teesside High School; Kirsty Ryder, Ardvreck School; Georgina Smee, Downe House.
Sixth Form Scholarships
Patricia Choi, Benenden School; Charlotte Ruffel, Alton Convent; Hannah Garner, St Gabriel's.
Music Scholarships
Lottie Waller, Daneshill School; Myvanwy Thomas, Polwhele House Preparatory School; Alicia Newson, Downe House; Amel Steel, Downe House.
Sixth Form Music Exhibition:
Georgina Hepburne-Scott, Selkirk High School.

The school relives 1945 war days. Dig for Victory in Europe Anniversary celebrations: photographs, anecdotes, letters and mementoes of your wartime schooldays are needed by April 12 for the English Department's display. All items will be gratefully received and safely returned. *Downe House* Seniors' Association, please send anything you think would be useful to: The English Department, Downe House School, Cold Ash, near Newbury, Berkshire. RG16 9JJ.

Royal Navy promotions

The following provisional selections for promotions in the Royal Navy have been made. They are to date from October 1 this year.

Special Duties List
Seaman
To Commander: D Hilton.
To Lieutenant Commander: P R Skrzypczak; R P Wilson; G Thompson; J P Cox; R W Sutton; A G Daniel; M F Jenrick; A L Nolan; R M Morland.
Engineering
To Commander: P W A Wearmouth; J Kirk.
To Lieutenant Commander: N Macaulay; G R Morrison; I J Goble; T S Day; R A Edwards; A Nelson; I Andrews; E W Roberts; K W Goldie; M Pickbourne; S J Peerman; C Brazendale; M S Kemp; A J Dorricott; A Nailor; P C Maidment; K C Baxter; R Hobbs; M N Moore.
Supply and Secretariat
To Commander: B V Stonham.
To Lieutenant Commander: B J M Bonsey; A P Morris; B J Dobson; B Llewelyn.
Medical Services
To Commander: E G Bootland.

Supplementary List
Seaman
To Commander: M D Salter; A J Bull.
To Lieutenant Commander: D J Ahern; C J Dunn; A W Evans; C G Gobey; R Moffatt; R P Stone; C J Greaves; J W G Frost; W M H Dean; I J R Daniels; A J Holley; M R Clifford; M K Fulford; M F Auckland; R I Carter; K J Smith; D R Callister; S C Pipkin; J A Lawler; K R Mathieson; T E Lott; B R Service; G Warnock; P R Brundle; M V Carretta; C J Daniell.
Supply and Secretariat
To Lieutenant Commander: P C Hughes; S G Woodard.
Instructor Specialisation
To Lieutenant Commander: P H Oldfield; G F G Hudson; G E Nunn; G J D Chapman; C Cunningham; H Hassall; D A Collins; S N Rippingale.
Non-Specialist Female Officers
To Lieutenant Commander: A J Buchanan; S B Davis.

Royal Marines
To Captain (SD): J C Atkinson; T S E Warren; D L Gracie; S J Launchbury; G Matthews.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.K. Kirwan and Miss J.C. Gilbert
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J.W.P. Kirwan, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Gilbert.

Mr C.W.A. Mills and Miss V.A. Shelton
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr R.H.Y. Mills, of Little Barrington, Gloucestershire, and Mrs J.E. Mills, of Mawnan Smith, Cornwall, and Victoria, only daughter of Sir William and Lady Shelton, of Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.C. Mitchell and Miss N.J. Gardner
The engagement is announced between Graham Christopher, younger son of Sir David and Lady Mitchell, of Westminster, London, and Nicola Jane, second daughter of Major and Mrs J.P. Gardner, of Woolhampton, Berkshire.

Mr A.P.J. Randall and Miss J.M. Woods
The engagement is announced between Alastair Peter James, son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Randall, of Trinity, Edinburgh, and Justine Maria, daughter of Major and Mrs R.C. Woods, of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Mr P.B. Sankey and Miss D.C.F. Rhodes
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Sankey, of Lancaster Gate, London, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.W. Rhodes, of Rossall School, Lancashire.

Mr J.B.C. Toomey and Miss J.L. Fletcher
The engagement is announced between James Brian Connell, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Toomey, of Four Forks House, Spaxton, Somerset, and Joanne Louise, eldest daughter of Mr Roger Fletcher, of Helston, Cornwall, and Mrs Elizabeth Sayer, of Carlisle, Cumbria.

Dr C.P.R. Walker and Miss N.F. Treadwell
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Carolyn Fordham Walker, of Oxford, and John Walker, of York, and Nicola, elder daughter of Rodney and Stacey Treadwell, of Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Council for Licensed Conveyancers

The following candidates passed the Council for Licensed Conveyancers Winter 1995 Examinations:
Intermediate: S Allnutt; J Breed; A Dodd*; M Dow; J French; D Santry; D Watkins; L Wills.
Conveyancing Law and Practice: S Bowman; P Clark; N Davies; S Glossop; A Groundsell; M Leech; G Livsey; S Shah; R Tovell; D Watkins; J Whale; J Winder; L Woolley.
Accounts: S Bowman; R Brockington; M Colwill; S Glossop; N Halpern*; C Harvey*; S Lane*; G Livsey*; G Maskery*; J Roche*; C Shergold*; K Taylor.
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* Distinction.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
Mr John Parker, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Marriott Hotel. Mr Bill Huntley, President of Rotary International, was the speaker.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr James L.C. Provan, MEP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the *Discussion Circle of the Royal* Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr L.J. Lickorish presided.

Service dinner

RAF Club
Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont presided. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge also spoke.

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the Institute of Materials. Dr Geoffrey Robinson and Mr John Breckenridge were the speakers.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen
Lady Wilcox, Chairman of the National Consumer Council, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames held at Trinity House last night. Mr J.K. Badcock, Master, presided, assisted by Mr D. Allen, Senior Warden, Captain Sir Malcolm Edge and Mr C.J. Livett, Junior Wardens.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
The annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators was held at Drapers' Hall in the City of London on Thursday, March 16, 1995. The President, the Right Hon Sir Thomas Bingham, and the Chairman and Senior Vice President, Mr John H.M. Sims, were the hosts. The principal speaker was the Right Hon Lord Mustill.

The Royal Academy of Engineering
The President, Sir William Barlow, FEng, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London. The guest speaker was Sir Alastair Morton, Co-Chairman of Eurotunnel, who spoke on "Eliminating Risks for the Travelling Public".

Saddlers' Company

To mark the 600th anniversary of the granting of the Saddlers' Company Incorporation Charter by King Richard II, the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presented a new Royal Charter to the Master, Mr H.J.C. Pulley, at a service held yesterday in St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. A luncheon was held afterwards at the Mansion House.

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For this is the covenant I shall make with Israel after those days, says the Lord: I shall set my laws in their understanding and write them on their hearts.
Hebrews 8 : 10 (REB)

BIRTHS

BAINBRIDGE - On 18th March 1995, to Sophie (née Mills) and James, a son, a brother for Isabelle.

BEWICKE-COPLEY - To Lord and Lady Cromwell, a daughter, Helen Tatiana, 18th March 1995.

BRADFIELD STOWELL - On 15th March 1995, in Brisbane, to Marian and Philip, a son, Thomas, a brother for Sam and half-brother for Meghan and Laura.

DELL - On 16th March 1995 at Plymouth, to Julia (née McKinnell) and Simon, a son, Thomas.

DU MANOIR - On March 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Carla, Gerald and their parents, a beautiful daughter and granddaughter, Arianna-Denyse-Gisela.

HADJI-SYMEOU - At the Wellington Hospital on March 16th 1995 to George and Anna, a daughter, Gabriella Georgia, a sister to Philippe-Raphael.

HAMILTON - On 17th March 1995, to Charles and Camilla, a daughter, Flora Scarlett, a sister for Georgina and Lucy.

HAWKSLEY - See Bewicke-Copley.

HOBHOUSE - On 7th March 1995, at home, to Wera and William, a son, Casper Richard.

MacKINNON - On March 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Gregor and Wendy, a son, Duncan Alexander Rolls, 6lbs 13oz.

POWELL - On March 16th, to Susanna (née Murray Threipland) and James, a daughter, Cordelia Catherine.

ROWLAND - On 14th March at home in Greenwich, to Jenni (née O'Leary) and Tom, a daughter, Cecily Grace, a sister for Tommy and Toby.

RUSSELL - On March 16th at BMH Rinteln, BFPO 31, to Melanie (née Cumming) and Robert, a son, Angus George Stoech.

SANDERSON - On March 15th, to Alison (née Leyland) and John, a daughter, Grace Lucy Matread, a sister for Douglas.

WILLMAN - Cameron Cheyne at the Wellington Hospital on March 16th to Kenneth and Rosemary Willman.

YOUSEMAN - On 16th March 1995 in Viborg, Denmark, to Mary Ellen (née McLoughlin) and Nick, a daughter, Imogen Alice.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On Saturday 18th March 1995, at home in Elie, Fife, Jane, wife of Major-General David Alexander, a brave lady and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service in Carnbee Kirk on Wednesday 22nd March at 12.30pm. Cremation thereafter private. Donations, if desired, to The Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund.

ALLISON - On March 18th 1995 at the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, Kathleen Allison aged 81, widow of the late Professor Philip R. Allison of Oxford, mother of Simon, Susanna and James and beloved grandmother. Funeral at St Margaret's, Ditchling, 12 noon 27th March and later at the Downs Crematorium. No flowers by request.

BRADBURY - George Charles, late The Baluch Regiment Indian Army, Lt. Col. (retired) eldest son of the late Major W.E. Bradbury Royal Engineers I.A. and of his wife the late Mrs M.I. Bradbury, on 11th March 1995 aged 88 years. At his request cremation has taken place privately in the Chichester Crematorium on Monday 20th March 1995. No flowers. No letters. If so desired, donations to a chosen charity or to The Chest, Heart & Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JE (0171 387 3012).

BRYDON - On 18th March 1995 peacefully after a short illness, James, beloved husband of Rosamund, father of Nadia and Alexander and loving grandfather of Daisy. Funeral Service at St Martin's, Brasted, Kent, on Tuesday 28th March at 2.30pm. Enquiries to W. Hodges and Co. Ltd. (0732) 454457. Donations to Hospice at Home.

BUDGEN - On March 16th peacefully at Brendoncare, Muriel Elizabeth aged 97, dearly loved aunt and great-aunt. At her request cremation private. Donations if desired to Brendoncare, Park Road, Winchester.

CARROW - On March 18th at Sutton Manor Nursing Home, peacefully in her sleep and 2 days after her 98th birthday, Gladys May Carrow M.B.E., widow of Dick, mother of David, grandmother and great-grandmother. At her own request cremation private and no flowers.

CARTER - Raymond, suddenly on March 17th at Forest Oaks, Brockenhurst, formerly of Lyndhurst, aged 92. Husband of Mary (née Helme), father of Adam and Louise (Shaw), grandfather of Samantha, Justine, George and Marcus and great-grandfather of Tabitha. Funeral private.

CLARK - Dr. Charles, MPS MB ChB Barrister at Law of Eltham, London, died peacefully at home on 17th March 1995, after a quietly determined struggle. Former H.M. Coroner Essex. Cherished husband of Pamela, father of Vivien, Alison, Kirsty and Dingle. Grandfather to Charles, Oliver, Charlotte, Angus and brother of Clara. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 29th March 1995 at 12 noon at St John's Church in the middle of Eltham, SE9. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Francis Chappell, 72 High Street, Eltham.

COLBECK - On March 17th, peacefully at home, Colonel David Frank Turquand Colbeck O.B.E., aged 80, beloved husband of Andrea, father of Simon and Martin. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving in Exeter Cathedral on Monday 27th March at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to Exeter Hospiscare, Dryden Road, Exeter, EX2 5JJ.

COLES - On March 15th, peacefully in a Rest Home in Bognor Regis, Helen Marion aged 90 years. All funeral enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis. Tel: (01243) 864746.

DRAPER - Marie Patricia Grace (née Christie) on 20th March 1995, aged 70, at The Margaret Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E11. Archivist, Scholar and Teacher. Devoted widow of Gordon and beloved daughter of Marie Roberts. Greatly missed by her mother and many friends. Funeral at St Mary's Parish Church, Church Road, Leyton E10, on Monday 27th March 1995 at 12.30 pm (followed by private cremation). Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Funeral Directors, W.A. Hurry & Sons, 367 High Road, Leyton, E10 5NA, to be shared between The Margaret Centre and St Mary's Church Care Leyton Project.

EASMAN - Marjorie Evelyn, aged 80, widow of Conrad, on Saturday 18th March 1995, at home, after illness, bravely borne. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral will take place at 1.15 pm today, Tuesday 21st March 1995 at Hoop Lane Crematorium, Golders Green. No flowers please, donations, if wished, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

EDGELL - On March 20th, peacefully, Francis John Llewellyn, beloved husband of Kit, adored father to Jeremy and devoted grandfather to Emily. Memorial Service to be arranged.

FORD - On Saturday 18th March 1995 peacefully at the R.S.H. Hospital, Southampton, Mary Cecilia aged 72, much loved wife of Peter, sister of Joy, mother, grandmother and friend - deeply, deeply missed by all who knew her. Thanksgiving Service at Highfield Church at 2.45 pm on Thursday 23rd March. Cremation private. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Highfield Church Centre Appeal Fund c/o J. Lawrence & Sons, 17 St Denys Road, Portswood, Southampton.

GIBBS - Peacefully, on 17th March, Bernard Vicary, aged 90. Beloved brother and uncle. All welcome at funeral, 11.30 am All Saints Church, All Saints Village, Axminster, Friday 24th March. Donations to The Samuel Goodenough Trust.

GILLETT - On March 17th 1995, at his home in Kew, Jan Bevington, FLS, lately Botanist in Charge, East African Herbarium, Nairobi, aged 83. Burial followed by meeting for worship will take place at the Friends Meeting House, Quakers Lane, London Road, Isleworth on 28th March at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to the Bentham Moxon Trust, c/o the Herbarium, Kew Gardens or to the Treasurer, Hilda Sewell Trust, Friends Meeting House, Isleworth.

GILMORE - On March 18th Sheila of 48 Mount Vernon Street, Cambridge, Mass, USA, wife of the late Professor Myron Gilmore, aged 77, from breast cancer.

HADDELSEY - Stephen Andrew aged 58, priest. Deeply mourned husband, father, son and brother, died 19th March 1995 after bravely fighting a long illness. Funeral 11 am Friday 24th March at St Mary's, Humberstone, Leicester. Family flowers only.

HENTHORN - On 16th March 1995, Dr. Frank aged 89 years, of Brigg, beloved husband of the late Mary and a much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The funeral service will be held at St John's Church, Brigg, at 1pm on Monday 27th March, followed by private burial. Family flowers only by request. All enquiries to Kettle of Brigg Funeral Directors, Elwes Street, Brigg, tel: (0652) 650606.

IDE - On Friday 17th March after a brief illness, Cowper Frederick aged 85 years. Dearest husband of Pamela and much loved father of David, Gillian, Jane and Rachel, grandfather and great-grandfather. Enquiries to L.P. Listott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex (telephone 01730 813264).

HOLMES - On March 17th 1995, peacefully, M.E. (Peggy) aged 91 years, of Uppingham, widow of Tony (Solicitor of Kettering) and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Uppingham Parish Church at 12.15 pm on March 27th, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Age Concern c/o E.M. Dorman Funeral Director, 10 Main Street, Bisbrooke, Rutland LE15 9EP.

HOLMES - R.P. (Dick) Holmes O.B.E. D.L. T.D., on 20th March 1995 at home in his 84th year. Dearly loved husband of Betty, father of Jeremy, Nigel and Julian, grandfather of Tamsin, Brett and Rowland. Private funeral. Family flowers only and no letters please. Donations, if desired, for The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust may be sent c/o Robert A. Drew & Son, 78 Main Street, Willerby, Hull HU10 6BZ, tel: (01482) 656537.

HOWIE - On March 17th 1995 in Edinburgh, Sir James William Howie, much loved husband of Winifred, (now of Colinton), loving father of John, Peter and Jean and a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel on Wednesday 22nd March at 12 noon to which all friends are invited.

HUGHES - Dr. Aneurin Hughes F.R.C.P., of 4 The Chain, Chapel Road, Abergavenny. Much loved husband of Pat and wonderful friend to many. Died 17th March 1995 after a long illness. Cremation but no funeral service of any kind by his specific request.

HULL - William Johnson, of Halwell, Devon, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Eileen Maria and retired Official of the International Labour Office and the U.K. Ministry of Labour. Died peacefully on 18th March after a short illness. The funeral service will be held at the South Brent Methodist Church on Friday March 24th at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth. No flowers by request, but donations for the South Brent Methodist Church either by retiring Collection or c/o The Co-operative Funeral Service, Ermedale, Fore Street, Ivybridge. (01752) 690890.

HUNT - On 20th March, peacefully, at The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Mary, dearly loved wife of Ken, mother of Tim and Jeremy, mother-in-law of Jacqueline and grandmother of Sophie and Charlie. Service at 2 pm, 27th March, at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey, KT10 8NA.

JACQUES - Robin, on 18th March, 1995, as graceful in his dying as in his life. Robin, whose self-deprecation would abhor this description, was wildly funny, profoundly civilized, and above all a good and gentle man. To posterity he leaves his magical illustrations; to his son, John Paul, his example; and to his partner, Anna, 25 years of joyous memories and a void that will not be filled. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, London, 1 pm, Monday 27th March. Flowers to 5 Abbot's Place, NW6 before 10.30 am.

MANNING - On 18th March, Bruce of Easton, Winchester, aged 76 years. Beloved husband of Isobel and dear brother of Leslie. He will be remembered affectionately by all the family and his many friends. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service later. No flowers at his request but donations, in lieu, to 'Sight Savers' c/o Jno. Steel & Son, 5 Chesil Street, Winchester.

MARTIN - William Edward (Bill) of Constable Road, Ipswich, died peacefully on March 19th 1995 after a long illness. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium North Chapel on Thursday March 23rd at 3.15 pm.

MASLINSKI - Ronald Jan. On Thursday, 16th March 1995, aged 51, R.I.P. Son of Yvonne and the late Jan. Funeral Mass 11.30 am on Friday, 24th March 1995 at St John the Baptist Church, Widford, near Ware, Herts. Funeral Directors Powell Funeral Services, Nelson Court, Walton Road, Ware, Herts. tel: (0920) 463260.

McCREA - (Lady) Marian Nicol Core née Webster. Peacefully on 16th March 1995 in Lewes. Aged 84 years. Beloved wife of Sir William McCrea, mother of Roderick, Isabella and Sheila and devoted grandmother. Private cremation. Donations to N.S.P.C.C. c/o Cooper and Son, Funeral Directors, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex.

MILLAR - On March 16th 1995 at home in Keinton Mandeville, Somerton, Somerset, after a brave fight, Rita Mary, much loved wife of Adrian, beloved mother of Peter and Richard, and dearest sister of Alison Bandelier. Funeral service 12 noon on Wednesday March 22nd at Keinton Mandeville Parish Church. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice c/o G. Holland & Son (FD), Vestry Road, Street, Somerset.

MILLAR - On 16th March 1995 at Battle Hospital, Reading, Graham Hugh, aged 57, beloved son of Phyllis, brother of Richard and brother-in-law of Rosemary. Service of Thanksgiving at Goring Parish Church on Thursday March 30th at 12 noon.

MINCHIN - On 17th March 1995 peacefully at Old Smithy Nursing Home, Taunton, in his 90th year. C.S.M., formerly Regional Director Lloyds Bank P.L.C. (Minch to his friends). Great-grandfather, grandfather and father of Neil, Ian, Jane and Jenny. Just family at funeral.

MONTANARO - On 17th March, the result of a tragic accident, Nicholas Alexander Brakspear, aged 15, most treasured only son of Venetia and Alexander and brother to Chloë. Funeral 2.30 pm, Friday 24th March at Midhurst Parish Church. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Listott (tel: 0730 813264).

MONTGOMERY-HYDE - Peacefully at Maidstone General Hospital on March 15th 1995, Rosalind (Robbie). Sadly missed by her devoted friends. Cremation at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Thursday March 23rd at 2.40 pm. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Cats Protection League. Enquiries to Fuggles, (01580) 763340.

MULLION - Meg, on Sunday 19th March 1995, peacefully after a short illness bravely borne. Dearly loved by all her family and friends. Funeral private, no flowers please. Memorial Services in Ballymore Eustace Co. Kildare, and in London, to be announced later.

MUNT - Edward Brian, aged 75, of Dover, Kent, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 24th March St Paul's Church, Dover. Donations to RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o 39 Minstrel Gardens, Surbiton KT5 8DX.

NATION - On March 18th 1995, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Anne Blanche, much loved wife of Barry, mother of John and Jane and grandmother of Susannah and Emma Jane. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hatch Beauchamp, at 12 noon on Friday 24th March, followed by private cremation. Flowers, and donations to R.N.L.I. to E. White & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 138/139 East Reach, Taunton, TA1 3HN, tel: (01823) 272183.

OLIPHANT - On 17th March, peacefully at her home, Audrey Kate (A.K.), widow of Morton and beloved mother of Colin. Funeral private, no flowers by request.

PANAGOPOULOS - Eugene on March 17th 1995 in Montreal Canada aged 78 years. Dearly beloved husband of Marika, sons Dimitri and Basil; daughters Nancy and Eugenia. Also a great loss to his brothers Marios and Harilaos; his sisters Youla, Despina and Ione. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

PROUD - On March 19th, peacefully at Château d'Oex, Switzerland, Air Commodore Harold John Granville Ellis, C.B.E., dearly loved husband of Jenefer, father of Jill and Frances, grandfather of Natalie, Seymour, Kakinga and Josha.

RICHARDSON - Dr. Nancy E.G. Richardson, BSc, MBBS, FRCPath - see Schryver.

SANDERS - On March 17th 1995, at her home in Painswick, Glos., Margaret Elizabeth, aged 84 years. Dearly loved wife of Fred and mother of Gill, Helen and Judy. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at 12 noon on Monday April 10th at St Mary's Church, Painswick. Donations if desired in her memory may be made to The Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund c/o The Surgery, Gyde Road, Painswick, Glos.

SCHRYVER - Nancy Edith Georgiana, died peacefully at home on March 19th aged 87. Beloved wife of Peter and mother of Andrew, Elizabeth, Michael and Hugh. Also, much loved by her four children-in-law and eleven grandchildren. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Mary's Church, Headley, on Wednesday 29th March at 12 noon. Donations instead of flowers to Dr. Barnardos Homes c/o Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, South Street, Dorking, Surrey.

SMITH - On March 12th 1995, after several years of poor health bravely borne, *Geoffrey Haworth, formerly of Carn Brea and Winchester House Schools*. Beloved husband of Colleen Claire, father of Annabelle, Jonathan and Roderick, brother of Kathleen and grandfather of Matthew, Mary-Anne and Kerry. Funeral at Greatness Park Cemetery Chapel, Sevenoaks, at 10.30 am on March 24th. Flowers if wished to Francis Chappell and Sons, Funeral Directors, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks.

STODART - Suddenly at home on Saturday 18th March 1995, Hazel Jean, beloved wife of Lord Stodart of Leaston. Funeral Service in St Adrian's Church, Gullane, on Wednesday 22nd March at 2 pm and thereafter cremation in Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only please.

SWAN - On 19th March 1995, Canon Desmond Swan, Parish Priest of St Margaret's, Twickenham, aged 72 years. Requiem Mass on Monday 27th March at 11 am at St Margaret's Church.

TAYLOR - On March 17th 1995 suddenly at her home Bakewell Cottage, E.M.T. 'Dodie'. Very dear sister of Grace Pirie-Gordon and Agatha Jaka. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 pm on Monday 27th March at St Peter's, Goodworth Clatford. Family flowers only. Any donations to RUKBA c/o Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors, 6A Bridge Street, Andover, Hants. SP10 1BH, tel: (01264) 335255.

TIRRELL - On March 17th, peacefully at Manormead Nursing Home, Hindhead, The Reverend Canon Leslie Burditt, dearly loved husband of Margaret (née Bird) and of the late Estelle. Mass of Thanksgiving at St Martin's Church, East Horsley, on Monday March 27th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium at 1 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to SightSavers c/o James & Thomas Ltd, F/D, 45 East Lane, West Horsley, KT24 6HQ.

WARD-THOMAS - On 16th March suddenly in London Kitty, adored younger daughter of Michael and Eve and beloved sister of Susan, Anthony, Ewan, Christian and Barley. Funeral at 3 pm on Friday 24th March at the Roman Catholic Church, Thaxted. Flowers to Church by 2 pm. In Vitam Aeternum.

WHEELER - On March 19th, Guy, late Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral St Mary's, Wambrook, Friday March 24th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

WOODBRIDGE-FORDE - Maye, peacefully on 16th March. Funeral 1.20 pm Worthing Crematorium Friday 24th March.

WOODWARD - Violet Stephanie (née Morton) aged 92 years, peacefully at home on Friday March 17th 1995. Beloved wife of the late E. Gilbert Woodward, greatly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service 3.15pm Friday March 24th at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington. No flowers but donations, if desired, to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, PO Box 177, Chesterfield, S41 7TQ.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CARROLL - A Memorial Service will be held for Father Tony Carroll on Wednesday 29th March at 11 am at St Andrew's Parish Church, Shrivenham, Wiltshire.

LEA - A Memorial Service for Kathleen Marguerite Lea MA, will be held in the Chapel, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, on Saturday, 29th April 1995, at 2.30 pm.

MOLESWORTH-ST AUBYN - A Memorial Service for Simon Molesworth-St Aubyn will be held in Romsey Abbey at 12 noon on 21st April.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CHANNON - Harold on March 21st 1955 and Christine (née Kempson) on November 4th 1984 - often in my thoughts. Montague.

WALKER - Gillian Mary (née Badrock) 4th June 1954 - 21st March 1992. R.I.P.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MOOR:SKARGON - Bas and Barbara at All Saints Church, Dovercourt, Essex on 21st March 1945. Darling, we've made it!

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OBITUARIES

DAVID BOWICK

David Bowick, CBE, Chief Executive Railways (BR), 1971-78, and a member of the British Railways Board, 1976-80, died on March 9 aged 71. He was born on June 30, 1923.



OF THE many career railway managers who rose to prominence under the tutelage of Lord Beeching in the 1960s, David Bowick was the most *prominent and the most successful*. He was involved in the planning and preparation which preceded the publication of *The Reshaping of British Railways*, which became known as the Beeching Report.

Despite Dr Beeching's own deep personal unpopularity, Bowick fully appreciated the problems of a vastly larger railway than could be justified economically; and he saw that the challenge posed by a network which still had not recovered from the ravages of the Second World War was one that needed to be urgently addressed. He subsequently became responsible for implementing the Beeching decisions, which led to the halving of the rail network.

Like so many of the leading figures in British Rail, David Marshall Bowick was a Scotsman. He was born and brought up in Edinburgh, where he was educated at Boroughmuir School and at Heriot-Watt College (later University). With no time to start a career before the outbreak of war, he spent the years from 1942 to 1946 serving with the Fleet Air Arm.

His expertise in railway management was extremely wide-ranging. In his earlier managerial years he was responsible for the operation of the vitally important railway from King's Cross; it was then that he developed his management skills in the fundamental area of train movement at a time when equipment was not reliable and resources difficult to obtain. He later turned his attention to labour problems as executive director for personnel at the Railways Board headquarters in Marylebone, developing a fruitful relationship with the powerful trade union leaders of the day and introducing several new ideas.

In 1971 he was appointed general manager of the London Midland Region, where he was responsible for all the operations, engineering and marketing of a large business stretching from Carlisle to the Euston and St Pancras terminals in London. He had hardly put his feet under the table when the call came to become chief executive of the railways. Once again he moved back to Marylebone to take charge of the management of an enormous undertaking.

Hard-working and dedicated to the task of making the railways more efficient, he had a natural modesty and acute sense of humour which stood him in good stead. His example of tackling whatever problems came his way with grace and determination permeated his management team. Indeed, it could be said that he worked too hard for his own good, for he suffered a minor heart attack during this time. In 1976 he was appointed a member of the Railways Board and in 1978 he became a vice-chairman.

In 1980, at the age of 57, he took early retirement, largely because of his wife's health. Bowick had also become increasingly depressed by public animosity towards the railways which made it seem that — however hard able and devoted railwaymen like himself worked to improve the network — they could never hope to get a fair deal out of the politicians, whatever their party complexion.

Bowick's last years were spent under the shadow of Tony Crosland's "orange" policy paper, prepared at a time when the power of the road lobby was almost unbridled. It did not hesitate to describe rail subsidies as being "regressive". Indeed, from the days of the last Labour Government onwards, the entire future of the railways has been continuously under threat — a threat from which it has yet to be rescued.

In this discouraging period, which originated well before the arrival of that great non-rail-traveller Margaret Thatcher at No 10, Bowick kept his head while quite a number of those about him were in danger of losing theirs. He stood up to a succession of unsympathetic Labour transport ministers and was a tower of strength in helping to counter the influence of powerful and hostile transport economists such as Christopher Foster, Humphrey Cole and Peter Hall.

Bowick will be remembered as a dedicated railwayman, who gave himself heart and soul to BR and who also introduced many innovations. He worked before the time of personal computers and, because of his vast capacity for work, it was necessary for his colleagues to learn how to read his appalling handwriting (he admitted that often he found difficulty in reading it himself). For his services to the railways he was appointed CBE in 1977.

During the 1970s he lived in the Chilterns in Buckinghamshire and on his retirement he moved to Malta, where his wife's and his own health benefited from the climate. He experienced his full share of personal disasters; his first wife died in the mid-1960s and his second wife in 1988. Although frail, he returned to live in Bournemouth and is survived by the daughter of his first marriage.

DOROTHY STONE

Dorothy Stone, barrister and magistrate, died on March 10 aged 86. She was born on October 9, 1908.



DOROTHY STONE was a member of a family which has a remarkable record of service to public life, the law and the Anglo-Jewish community. She was born in Manchester, the daughter of Bernard Lever, an immigrant from Lithuania, and Bertha (née Sandelson), the daughter of the spiritual leader of the Newcastle upon Tyne Jewish community.

Educated at the Manchester High School for Girls, to which she won a scholarship, she continued at Manchester University where she read law and gained her LLB. At the age of 20 she passed the Bar Finals but could not be called for another year, when she became, as a member of Neville Laski's chambers, the youngest practising barrister on the Northern Circuit.

All her four siblings became lawyers. Leslie, a solicitor, was a long-serving councillor, alderman and finally Lord Mayor of Manchester. He entered the Commons and was raised to the peerage as Lord Lever of Ardwick. A younger brother, Harold, was called to the Bar, became an MP, served as a member of the Wilson and Callaghan Governments and is now Lord Lever of Manchester. Two other brothers became solicitors.

In 1931 she married Hyman Stone, a prominent Sheffield solicitor, and later moved with him to London where she served as a magistrate for many years, sitting regularly at Wells Street and the Crown Court in Pont Street. She also served on the committee of the National Council of Women, on the Molony Committee of the Board of Trade and on the Home Office Committee of Inquiry into the Age of Consent.

She was for many years a member of the board of governors of St Bernard's Hospital, Southall, and of the National Hospital, Queen's Square.

Like her husband who predeceased her, Dorothy Stone was active in many institutions of the Anglo-Jewish community. She was keenly interested in its history and was the treasurer and later president of the Jewish Historical Society of England. She also gave loyal service to the Anglo-Jewish Association and a number of philanthropic organisations.

She suffered a grievous blow two years ago when she was hit by a lorry near her home in Portman Square and, among other injuries, lost a foot. She was determined to overcome this blow and won the admiration of her doctors, nurses and everyone with whom she came into contact by her fight back which enabled her to walk and continue her many activities.

One of the most loved of her occupations was music and she was a frequent opera and concertgoer. She was regularly to be seen at the Wigmore Hall (she counted it as a privilege to live so close), the Royal Opera and, almost every night during the Promenade season at the Royal Albert Hall.

Her home was filled with art objects and among her numerous other interests was a fascination with the workings of the Stock Exchange; she could recount price movements as others could recall bridge hands.

True to her northern origins, Dorothy Stone tended to be direct and forceful. Her friendship was not won easily, but when it was, she was loyal and caring. She was capable of acerbic comment but also of warm approbation.

She is survived by two sons, both solicitors.

KATHLEEN LEA

Kathleen Lea, Vice-Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 1947-71, died on January 23 aged 91. She was born on November 1, 1903.

HAVING succeeded her old tutor Janet Spens as tutor in English at Lady Margaret Hall in 1936, Kathleen Lea was elected a Fellow the following year and in 1947 became Vice-Principal, a position she held for 24 years until her retirement in 1971.

As the weight of administrative business increased after the Second World War, she combined with this the duties of senior tutor and tutor for graduates. As well as doing her share of examining in Oxford she assessed and examined for many years in the A-level examinations: she was external examiner for the Oxford and Cambridge Institutes of Education and was governor of a number of schools, among them Benenden.

In 1938 she took over the secretaryship of the Malone Society and, when it resumed publication after the war, took active care of it for many years. She produced two editions for it herself: Massinger's *Parliament of Love* in 1929 and Lyly's *Mother Bombie* in 1948. Longstanding interest in the translations of Harington and Fairfax led to her collaboration with T. M. Gang in an edition of Fairfax's *Tasso* which was published in 1981. She was also the author of numerous articles and reviews.

Kathleen Marguerite Lea was the elder daughter of Dr J. Lea of Chorley, Lancashire, and later of Beaconsfield, who came of a Shropshire family: her mother was of Irish stock. She was educated at Wycombe Abbey and went up to Lady Margaret Hall as a scholar to read English in 1921. After taking a first in 1924, she taught for a year at Wycombe Abbey and was then elected to a research fellowship at LMH, which she held until 1927, spending much of her time in Italy collecting material for her book on the *commedia del arte, Italian Popular Comedy* (1934).

From 1926 to 1936 she was assistant lecturer in English and sub-librarian at Westfield College, London.

Kate Lea was a woman of great physical courage, impulsive generosity and considerable obstinacy. She served her college for many years with complete devotion, undertaking the multifarious duties and burdens of tutor and vice-principal without complaint and with a meticulous disregard for her own comfort, even sometimes for her own survival, that could not be thwarted.

She suffered for much of her life from asthma, which she despised and ignored, though sometimes it gave her a misleading impatience of manner. In fact, she loathed controversy of any kind, believing sincerely that no truth could ever come from it, and always worked for compromise. This made her an admirable choice to chair committees.

She was renowned for her generosity both of her time, which she valued, and of her goods, which she did not. Her colleagues learnt never to express a want in her hearing, lest it should instantly be gratified, but were never proof against innumerable acts of practical kindness which they could not anticipate, and suspected were made at considerable cost of time and energy. These kindnesses were multiplied many times in a wide circle of friends, none of whom she neglected or forgot.

This was only one side of her sense of obligation towards the individual, particularly towards the individual in distress, rooted deeply in a staunch Christian faith, which found another outlet in her work for the LMH Settlement. It was fitting that in her very active retirement in Beckley she could help to cherish the beautiful old church beside which she lived.

Although her interests were wide, her heart was in the 16th and 17th centuries. Her love of Italy, its painting and architecture as well as its poetry, never left her. A work of art was first and foremost for her a thing to be enjoyed. Her respect for the English language, her dislike of generalisation and mistrust of the tendentious made her an exacting and, for the impatient, sometimes an exasperating tutor. But common ground could always be found in the poetry, which so much delighted her, and many grew to be thankful for a discipline which forced them to read patiently and pleasurably before they began to be clever.

Kathleen Lea, who never married, is survived by her sister.

PATRICK KOPPEL

Patrick Koppel, deputy chairman of Courtaulds, 1970-76, died on March 6 aged 81. He was born on November 17, 1913.



A MEMBER of the main board of Courtaulds for 16 years, Patrick Koppel became a prominent spokesman for British manufacturing. Although his active business life belonged to one company, his reputation was such that even in retirement he was asked by the Bank of England to conduct an important inquiry into the future of the textile industry. This report was taken very seriously by the Government and had a considerable influence on the subsequent reorganisation of the British textile industry.

John Patrick Koppel, the son of a British diplomat, was educated at Rugby School, the University of Freiburg and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he read both Chemistry and PPE. He joined Courtaulds immediately on coming down from Oxford, training in the company's French and German factories before transferring to the firm's Essex laboratory. There, under the shadow of the impending war, he worked on a project to produce cordite bag fabric for large-bore artillery, but in 1940 — with the war started and the project completed — asked to be released in order to join the Armed Forces.

He served at first with the Royal Army Service Corps, in which he became a drill instructor, but in 1941 went to Sandhurst, whence he was commissioned into the Welsh Guards. He served with its 1st Battalion, latterly in North West Europe, right through to the end of the war before in the summer of 1945 being appointed to the economic secretariat of the Four-Power Commission in Vienna. In May 1946 he left the Army and rejoined Courtaulds, soon returning, though, to Germany where he re-established a Courtaulds subsidiary in Cologne.

In 1949 he went out to Australia, where he remained for the next five years as the company's joint general manager. On returning to the United Kingdom he was appointed deputy chairman and managing director of British Cellophane, in which post he remained until being made a main board director in 1961. He became the company's deputy chairman — with special responsibility for commercial affairs both at home and overseas — in 1970.

After his retirement from Courtaulds at the end of 1976 he was for two years an industrial adviser to the Bank of England, in which capacity he produced his report on the textile industry. He later became chairman of the Tax Commissioners in Winchester. A keen sportsman, he enjoyed both shooting and fly-fishing, which made the eventual loss of his sight all the more cruel.

He is survived by his wife Jessica, whom he married in 1939, and by two daughters and a son.

LORD MULLEY

We have received a number of letters strenuously objecting to the photograph that accompanied the obituary of Lord Mulley (March 16). We recognise that the choice of picture was a mistake and have apologised to Lady Mulley.

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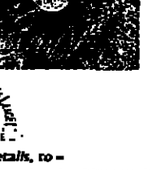
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PRINCESS ANNE ESCAPES IN KIDNAP ATTEMPT

By Staff Reporters

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips survived a kidnap attempt in which shots were fired last night as they were returning to Buckingham Palace from a City engagement.

A man blocked their chauffeur-driven car in The Mall with his own, before getting out and firing a hail of bullets into the limousine. Princess Anne and Captain Phillips were unhurt but their chauffeur and the personal detective in the front were hit.

A uniformed policeman on duty near St James's Palace heard the shots and came to investigate; he was shot in the stomach.

A journalist was also hit and was seriously ill last night. The uniformed policeman was operated on in St George's Hospital.

"Both Princess Anne and Captain Phillips were quite untouched but obviously they were very shaken", a palace official said.

The Princess's personal detective, Inspector James Beaton, fired one shot as the gunman closed in. He was wounded in the chest, shoulder and arm and was taken to hospital with the Princess's chauffeur, Mr Alexander Callender, who was also hit in the chest. The wounded constable was Police Constable Michael Hills. The journalist who was hurt was Mr Brian McConnell, a former news editor of *The Sun*. The Princess's lady in waiting, Miss Rowena Brassey, who was also in the royal car, was not hurt.

It is believed that Mr McConnell jumped out of his taxi and tried to tackle the gunman.

A police officer said later that Mr Callender had abdominal injuries, and a bullet lodged in the chest; PC Hills had a serious liver injury, and Mr McConnell, chest wounds.

Princess Anne and Captain Phillips were both taken the short distance to Buckingham Palace immediately after the shooting.

Dozens of policemen carried out a close search of The Mall for bullets after clearing everyone from an area 300 yards around the scene of the shooting. A taxi with the windscreen shattered on the driver's side was alongside the royal car, which had an heraldic shield above the windscreen. Police photographers and dogs were brought in. All entrances to The Mall were sealed.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who are on a state visit to Indonesia, were informed of the attack. Mr Wilson, the Prime Minister, ordered an immediate full report.

A taxi driver who was only a few yards from the shooting was the first to raise the alarm. He was also being interviewed by the police at Cannon Row later. Mr Maurice Arkus, who was carrying a passenger in The Mall, radioed the head office of Radio Taxicabs, and Mr Alan Fields, the controller, alerted Scotland Yard and ambulances.

Mr Fields said: "Everything came to a standstill just in front of him and he was sitting there in his vehicle just dodging bullets. The car in front had its windscreen smashed by a bullet. He radioed an emergency call through and I relayed it to Scotland Yard on a special number."

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After the kidnap attempt a ransom letter was found; it was long and rambling and was understood to have demanded £1 million. At the trial of her assailant, the judge committed him to a mental hospital after hearing psychiatric evidence.

NEWS

Sect blamed for nerve gas attack

■ Hundreds of detectives were drafted into the search for the Tokyo subway nerve gas terrorists who killed six people and injured 3,300 as commuters braced themselves for the possibility of further disruption on the city's crowded public transport system.

Suspicion fell mainly on a millennial sect which has been accused of involvement in an attack last year in the town of Matsumoto, which left seven people dead. The cult has predicted the end of the world in 1997 ..... **Pages 1, 10, 14 15 16**

The Queen hails South African 'miracle'

■ South Africa's transition from apartheid to democracy was little short of a miracle and a shining example to the world, the Queen told the country's parliament yesterday at the start of her state visit ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Clarke hits back

Kenneth Clarke has heightened Conservative tensions by accusing his enemies on the Tory Right of damaging sterling ..... **Page 1**

Prisoner's damages

A former prisoner has won £500,000 in damages from the Home Office for brain damage he sustained when he was given six times the normal dose of methadone while on remand in Brixton jail ..... **Page 1**

Envoy's suicide

MPs on the Commons Public Accounts Committee have been told of how corruption in a British embassy resulted in the suicide of a senior diplomat ..... **Page 1**

MoD sex bias claim

The wife of the England rugby star Rory Underwood has claimed that she was unfairly dismissed from the RAF after becoming pregnant ..... **Page 3**

Biography anger

The family of John Curry have threatened legal action over a biography of the ice-skating champion, who died last year from an Aids-related illness ..... **Page 3**

CSA compensation

The Child Support Agency is considering compensation payments to those caused distress by its errors, following a damning report by MPs which blamed ministers for many of the agency's problems ..... **Page 8**

Pupils suspended

Six schoolchildren were suspended after a revolt over the threatened loss of a teacher disrupted lessons for several days ..... **Page 7**

Oast house appeal

A man's seven-year campaign to prevent a restored oast house from being turned back into a ruin moves to the European Commission of Human Rights this week ..... **Page 4**

Moscow summit

President Clinton will attend VE-Day celebrations in Washington on May 8 then fly directly to Moscow for a summit timed to coincide with Russia's celebrations ..... **Page 11**

Bosnia fighting

Heavy fighting convulsed Bosnia as Muslim-led Government troops launched a huge double assault that could mark the start of an expected spring offensive ..... **Page 9**

US challenger

Pat Buchanan, the conservative television commentator who damaged President Bush in the 1992 primaries, has said that he would be a presidential candidate next year ..... **Page 11**

Oil spill threat

Russian clean-up crews were struggling to contain a large oil spill in Siberia, which threatened to pollute an important river system ..... **Page 9**

Rock may hold clue to life on Mars

■ A meteorite from Mars, discovered in Antarctica, has renewed speculation that life could have evolved on the Red Planet. Scientists have found that the rock, believed to have come from Mars after the planet collided with an asteroid, contains complex organic molecules which are thought to be the precursors of basic life forms ..... **Page 5**

DYLAN MARTINEZ/REUTER



The Oxford crew train on the Thames yesterday for the boat race a week on Saturday. Cambridge are the narrow favourites

BUSINESS

Railways: British Rail's 12,000 locomotives and passenger coaches were offered for sale in a privatisation expected to net around £1.5 billion for assets ..... **Page 21**

Halifax: Halifax and Leeds Permanent borrowers will have to wait until next Monday to learn whether they are entitled to free shares after the two societies merge ..... **Page 21**

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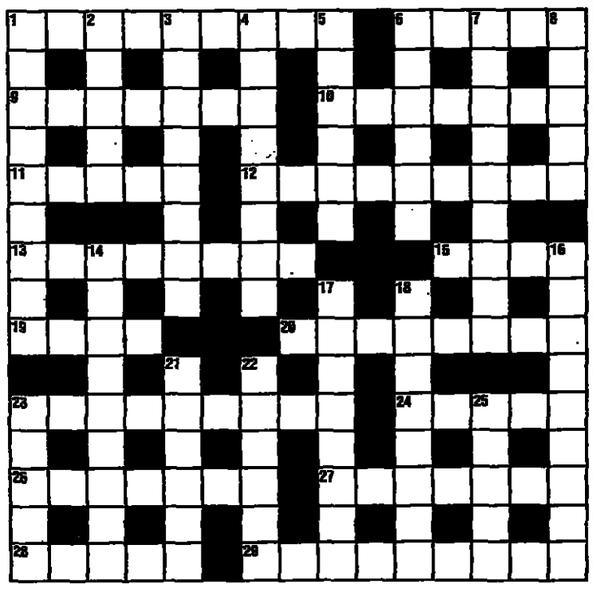
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Salcombe, Devon, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 10.1hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have bright or sunny periods and will be generally dry. There will be light winds, with early frost but becoming less chilly.

Scotland will have sunny periods and will be generally dry, but there will be isolated showers in the northeast. Dull later in the Hebrides, with light winds.

Northern Ireland will have bright or sunny intervals, but winds will increase and it will become cloudier in the west later.

☐ **London, South East England, Central Southern England, East Midlands, West Midlands, Channel Isles, South West England, South Wales, North Wales, North West England, Central Northern England:** clear periods, then sunny intervals, clear again later. Dry. Winds light and variable. Max 9C (48F) to 10C (50F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England, Aberdeen:** clear or sunny intervals. Isolated showers. Winds brisk northerly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow; Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** clear or sunny intervals, cloudier later. Mainly dry. Winds light and variable becoming moderate southwesterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy with patchy rain at times. Winds will become strong southerly. Max 7C (45F) to 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy and wet in the north, settled in the south.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; da=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.6	-	7	45	sn	Littlehmptn	7.9	0.12	10	50	h
Anglesey	8.6	0.01	9	48	s	Liverpool	7.8	0.03	7	45	h
Aspatria	5.9	0.03	7	45	sn	London	7.1	0.01	10	50	s
Aviemore	6.4	0.06	5	41	sn	Lowestoft	7.7	0.06	11	52	r
Belfast	7.8	0.06	7	45	h	Manchester	7.8	0.20	8	46	h
Birmingham	6.5	0.09	8	46	r	Margate	9.1	0.01	10	50	h
Bognor R	8.0	0.03	11	52	s	Minehead	6.3	0.10	10	50	h
Bournem'th	8.5	-	11	52	s	Morecambe	8.0	0.05	8	46	s
Bristol	8.8	0.04	10	50	s	Newcastle	X	-	-	-	-
Buxton	4.7	0.37	5	41	s	Newquay	7.6	0.05	8	46	s
Cardiff	8.0	0.05	9	48	h	Norwich	8.2	0.02	10	50	s
Clacton	8.2	0.02	10	50	sh	Nottingham	X	-	-	-	-
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Oxford	9.2	0.06	10	50	h
Colwyn Bay	6.3	0.13	8	46	b	Penzance	9.4	0.09	11	52	s
Cromer	7.1	0.06	8	46	s	Plymouth	7.7	-	9	48	s
Doncaster	7.3	0.03	9	48	s	Poole	7.6	-	11	52	h
Dunbar	X	-	-	-	-	Prestatyn	X	0.14	7	45	sh
Eastbourne	7.3	-	8	46	s	Ross-o-wye	9.6	0.04	9	48	s
Edinburgh	6.4	-	7	45	h	Salcombe	9.1	0.04	12	54	s
Eskdalemuir	5.8	0.02	6	43	sn	Saunin Snd	7.8	-	10	50	s
Exmouth	7.7	-	10	50	h	Scarboro'	6.6	0.01	7	45	h
Falmouth	X	0.06	9	48	b	Scilly Isles	9.7	0.01	10	50	s
Fishguard	8.2	0.06	7	45	h	Shrewsbury	6.9	0.02	9	48	sh
Folkestone	8.4	0.01	11	52	s	Skegness	X	-	-	-	-
Glasgow	5.9	0.01	7	45	sl	Southend	4.0	0.06	10	50	s
Guernsey	7.2	-	11	52	s	Southport	6.0	0.05	6	43	s
Hastings	7.5	0.03	11	52	s	Southsea	8.3	0.03	11	52	s
Hayling I.	7.5	0.02	10	50	h	Stornoway	6.0	0.06	5	41	s
Herne Bay	8.6	-	9	48	s	Swanage	7.1	0.02	11	52	s
Hove	5.2	0.01	11	52	s	Teignmouth	6.8	0.02	10	50	s
Hunstanton	6.8	0.03	8	46	s	Tenby	9.2	0.03	9	48	s
Ilfracombe	X	-	-	-	-	Tiree	7.0	0.18	6	43	h
Isle of Man	8.8	0.03	8	46	s	Torquay	8.1	0.01	11	52	s
Jersey	6.5	0.07	11	52	s	Tynemouth	8.2	-	7	45	h
Kinloss	6.9	0.04	7	45	sn	Ventnor	8.1	0.05	10	50	h
Leeds	7.3	0.02	8	46	sh	West-s-mare	X	-	-	-	-
Lerwick	1.3	0.23	4	39	h	Weymouth	7.7	0.04	11	52	s
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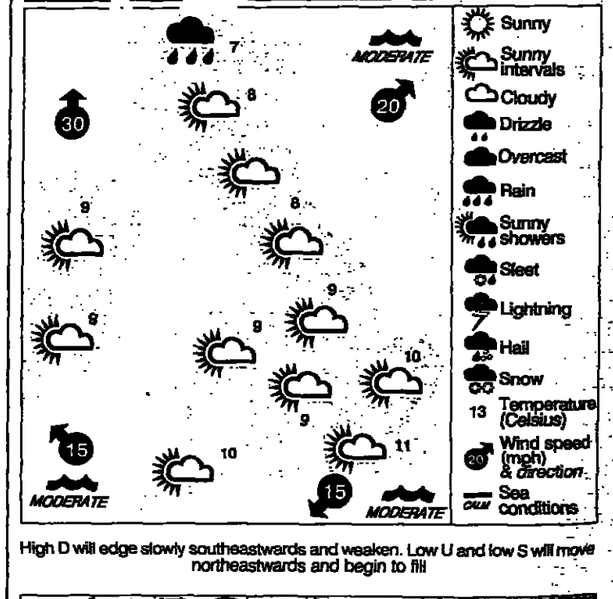
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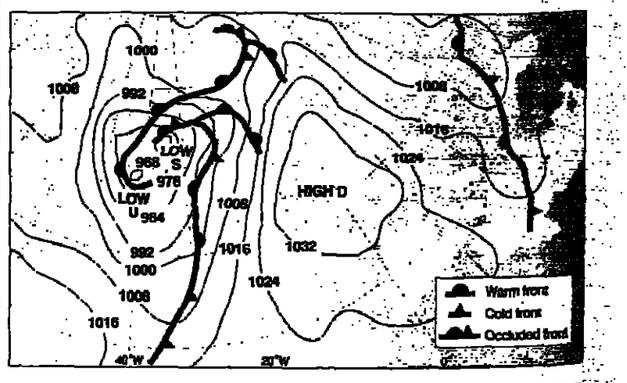
Ajaccio	14	57	s	C'phagn	6	43	f	Majorca	16	61	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Corfu	17	63	s	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dublin	6	43	c	Malta	19	66	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Dubrovnik	14	57	f	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Amst'dm	6	43	f	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	-	--	-
Athens	18	64	s	Florence	14	57	s	Miami	24	75	f
Bahrain	23	73	f	Frankfurt	7	45	f	Milan	13	55	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	7	45	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	5	41	f	Moscow	2	36	c
Barcelona	18	64	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	2	36	c
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	3	37	c	Nairobi	28	79	f
Belgrade	7	45	r	Hong K	18	64	f	Naples	18	61	f
Berlin	6	43	r	Innsbruck	1	34	sn	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bermuda	17	63	c	Istanbul	16	61	s	N York	9	48	f
Biarritz	11	52	s	Jeddah	28	82	s	Nice	17	63	c
Borde'x	11	52	f	Jo'burg	29	84	s	Oslo	6	43	f
Brussels	6	43	f	L Palmas	21	70	c	Paris	5	41	r
Budapst	8	46	f	La Tquet	8	46	f	Peking	21	70	s
B Aires	23	73	f	Lisbon	16	61	s	Perth	33	91	s
Cairo	21	70	f	Locarno	10	50	c	Prague	5	41	sn
Cape Tn	22	72	s	L Angels	18	64	s	Reykjavik	3	37	f
Chicago	8	46	c	Luxembg	4	39	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	21	70	-	Luxor	27	81	f	Rio de J	30	86	f
Cologne	6	43	r	Madrid	17	63	s	Riyadh	22	72	f

Rome	16	61	f	Tangier	20	68	s
Salzburg	1	34	sn	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
S Frisco	14	57	f	Tenerife	24	75	c
Santiago	21	70	s	Tokyo	13	55	s
S Paulo	26	79	c	Toronto	3	37	r
Seoul	13	55	s	Tunis	22	72	s
Sing'por	32	90	f	Valencia	21	70	s
St'kholm	3	37	sl	Vanc'ver	7	45	r
Strasb'rg	7	45	r	Venice	9	48	f
Sydney	-	--	-	Vienna	6	43	f
Tangier	20	68	s	Warsaw	7	45	f
Tel Aviv	22	72	s	Wash'ton	18	61	s
Tenerife	24	75	c	Wel'ngton	17	63	f
Tokyo	13	55	s	Zurich	3	37	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



High D will edge slowly southeastwards and weaken. Low U and low S will move northeastwards and begin to fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4:27	7.15	4:56	6.88	Leith	5:18	5.49	5:43	5.58
Aberdeen	4:03	4.19	4:25	4.25	Liverpool	1:41	9.55	2:00	9.50
Avonmouth	8:58	13.27	10:15	12.84	Lowestoft	--	--	0:14	2.37
Belfast	1:22	3.38	1:54	3.53	Margate	2:24	4.80	2:45	4.71
Cardiff	9:40	11.97	10:02	11.58	Milford Haven	8:53	5.89	9:16	6.01
Devonport	8:38	5.33	8:55	5.24	Newquay	7:43	6.92	8:05	6.88
Dover	1:20	6.76	1:43	6.54	Oban	8:08	3.76	8:33	3.84
Dublin	1:58	4.10	2:32	4.15	Penzance	7:17	5.40	7:41	5.53
Fetmouth	7:37	5.23	7:56	5.00	Portland	9:30	1.95	9:51	1.95
Glasgow	3:39	4.49	3:52	4.74	Portsmouth	1:47	4.72	2:13	4.62
Harwich	2.17	4.05	2:41	3.87	Shoreham	1:38	6.38	1:57	6.28
Holyhead	0:41	6.57	1:06	5.51	Southampton	1:07	4.67	1:32	4.81
Hull	8:54	7.44	9:14	7.55	Swansea	9:04	9.63	9:26	9.58
Ilfracombe	6.37	9.26	6:58	9.06	Tees	6:25	6.22	6:46	6.27
King's Lynn	8:56	6.99	9:19	7.02	W'ton-on-Nze	2:16	4.41	2:42	4.37

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.02 am
Sun sets: 6.15 pm
London 6.15 pm to 6.00 am
Bristol 6.24 pm to 6.10 am
Edinburgh 6.28 pm to 6.11 am
Manchester 6.23 pm to 6.08 am
Penzance 6.36 pm to 6.22 am
Moon sets 8.13 am
Moon rises -

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY MARCH 21 1995

Engineering out of recession at last

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FOR the first time since the recession hit in the early 1990s, UK engineering employment is now rising, according to the latest business trends survey from the EEF engineering employers.

The engineering industry leaders yesterday told Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, on the basis of the survey findings, that overall economic recovery is now developing in a way that will secure longer-term prosperity.

Previous surveys — designed as a quick "snapshot" of the industry — suggested that increased employment in smaller firms in the industry was being offset by continuing cutbacks in larger companies.

But yesterday's study of almost 1,800 engineering companies, carried out over the past four weeks, showed that one in three firms is now increasing its employment levels, while only 18 per cent are cutting them — a positive balance between the two of 16 per cent.

Seasonally adjusted, the EEF said, this suggested a final figure for the period of 21 per cent, which marked a "distinct, progressive improvement in engineering employment". In addition, output and new orders continue to increase strongly, with positive balances of 36 per cent of companies in each case reporting rises. Some interpretations of recent EEF figures have been gloomy, but officials said these figures "dispel recent doubts about the strength of recovery in the engineering and related industries".

All regions reported growth, with Western and East Anglian regions showing above-average improvement, while the North West is showing below-average growth. Capital investment plans were said to be on a "firm" upward trend, and capacity utilisation was "creeping up".

Graham Mackenzie, EEF director-general, described the results as excellent news and said they put aside "the fears aroused by recent economic statistics of a possible downturn in engineering production".

In a letter detailing the results to the Chancellor, Mr Mackenzie welcomed the "rebalancing" of the economy away from "unsustainably high" consumer spending and towards increased export growth and hopes now of higher business investment. He said: "The EEF believes that the UK economy is now developing in exactly the way which is needed to secure longer-term prosperity."

☐ Export confidence among small and medium-size companies is at its highest for almost two years, according to a survey by the Small Business Research Trust for The Royal Bank of Scotland. According to the survey, almost half the companies are more optimistic about the coming year than they were three months ago, while only 8 per cent are more pessimistic.

Gloom over slump in home loans

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MORTGAGE lending plunged lower last month than levels seen during the depths of the recession, according to figures released yesterday. These prompted the head of the Building Societies Association to warn his members that the housing market is unlikely to see any growth in prices or transactions this year.

The housing market remains in the doldrums and is likely to remain subdued for the rest of this year as homeowners struggle with higher taxes and interest rates and very low income growth. Total building society and bank mortgage lending slumped 15 per cent last month to about £1.1 billion, down from £1.3 billion a year ago.

The Building Societies Association said that net new commitments of mortgage money slumped to £2.7 billion in February, down 8 per cent from a year ago and even lower than that seen in 1991 and 1992. Net lending was also lower this February than it was a year ago.

Adrian Coles, Director-General of the BSA, said: "It is becoming clear that neither prices nor transactions will show any significant growth in 1995, compared with 1994." He added that there might be some increased activity in the housing market in the traditionally busy spring months.

Other figures showed that mortgage lending by banks is also weak. The British Bankers' Association said growth in mortgage lending decelerated in every month for a year. Mortgage lending rose £597 million in February compared with fairly consistent rises of £650 million a month in previous months.

A survey of estate agents by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors published today shows that 15 per cent reported a drop in prices over the past three months and less than 5 per cent said that prices had gone up.

Yesterday's lending figures, which include M4 money supply and lending from the Bank of England, indicate that companies are still not borrowing the kind of amounts that suggest an imminent investment boom. And, although consumers seem to be borrowing more heavily, most observers believe this probably represents a desire to spread payments for goods over a few months and "distressed borrowing" because consumers cannot afford to finance their purchases with cash.

The BBA reported that consumer credit has continued to accelerate and rose £249 million in February. Half of this rise was on credit cards. But Tim Sweeney, Director-General of the BBA, said it was debatable whether this reflected growing consumer confidence or involuntary borrowing. Total lending by major banks to inviduals and companies rose a seasonally adjusted £2.96 billion in February, almost the same as in January.

There was some evidence that companies have started to borrow again, with borrowing by manufacturers rising £108 million in February. However, a great deal went to securities dealers, easily reversed one week to the next.

M4 lending rose £3.6 billion in February compared with the rise of £4.6 billion in January. The M4 measure rose 0.6 per cent, taking its annual rate of growth to 4.6 per cent from 4.2 per cent in January. However, its three-month growth rate remained the same at 5.6 per cent.

Building societies had good news on savings with a net inflow of £519 million, only slightly down on the £576 million in January in spite of the power privatisation.

Sterling showed little reaction to the figures, moving higher as dealers took profits on the mark. Its trade weighted index closed at 84.6 from Friday's close of 84.4.

Zeneca duo rewarded under Greenbury

BY GEORGE SIVELL

TWO directors of a company whose remuneration committee is chaired by Sir Richard Greenbury, the Marks & Spencer chairman who is also handling the Government inquiry into executive pay, shared profits on share options of more than £500,000 last year.

Yesterday's annual report and accounts of Zeneca, the drug company floated off from ICI in 1993, also show that David Barnes, 59, the company's chief executive, took a 37 per cent rise in basic pay. The comparison is exaggerated, however, by 1993 pay being calculated from the February appointment of executives before the June demerger.

The accounts record that Peter Doyle, 56, research and development director, made a likely profit of £211,175 on share options. They also show that Tony Rodgers, 54, director of human resources and public affairs, made a likely profit of £314,023 on share options.

Zeneca is chaired by Sir Denys Henderson, who is also a member of the Greenbury committee on executive pay. He took a rise in basic pay of 30 per cent from £244,000 to £319,000.

The Zeneca accounts, which will land on shareholders's doormats this week, show a total pay rise for Sir Denys from £324,000 for 1993 to £342,000 for 1994. The total emoluments of Mr Barnes have risen from £373,000 to £435,000. However, the bonus paid to Mr Barnes has fallen from £72,000 in 1993 to £22,000 in 1994.

Zeneca said last night that its executive bonuses had gone down during 1994. The company also said that the options exercised during 1994 "were the culmination of schemes run over a period of years". The company added that no options were granted to directors during 1994 under the option scheme introduced last year.

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TONY WHITE



Powering on: George Simpson, left, and John Grant at Lucas's diesel-pump factory

Lucas factories flat out with record order book

BY MARTIN WALLER

A SHARP burst of new orders for its automotive components sent sales and profits surging at Lucas Industries, the engineer, which has reported orders at record levels and factories working flat out to cope with demand.

Sales at Lucas's automotive operations were 20 per cent higher in the first half of the financial year, to January 31, and this helped to power pre-tax profits ahead from £20.1 million to £44.5 million.

But Lucas still can see no end to one of its most pressing corporate problems, the dispute with the US Defence Department over two contracts that went sour. The quarrel has led to a ban on other defence work and £20 million of fines.

George Simpson, the Lucas chief executive, said: "In our shareholders' interest it would be very, very wrong indeed to rush into a settlement that wasn't an economic one."

Mr Simpson and John Grant, finance director, are holding the interim dividend at 2.1p, but for the first time in some years, this is now covered by earnings, which rose from 1.7p to 2.9p.

The automotive division more than doubled operating profits to £56 million even before the benefits came in from recent big contract wins such as that for £1 billion to supply Volkswagen with diesel fuel injector systems. Further orders are expected from other motor manufacturers.

But profits from aerospace activities were barely changed at £9 million, on sales 7 per cent lower.

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British Rail rolling stock for sale

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH RAIL'S entire stock of 12,000 locomotives and passenger coaches was offered for sale yesterday in a privatisation expected to net about £1.5 billion for assets with a book value estimated at £3 billion.

Would-be bidders are being invited to signal their interest in three rolling-stock leasing companies with combined annual revenues of £800 million.

Angel Train Contracts, Eversholt Leasing and Porterbrook will rent their trains to the 25 passenger franchised train-operating companies that will run services over Railtrack's network under the privatisation plan.

Each of the rolling-stock companies will have its revenues largely protected for eight to ten years by contracts. Maintenance of the trains will be carried out under a second series of contracts, lasting up to four years, with BR depots, which are also being privatised.

The rolling stock companies are likely to prove the biggest single source of revenue for the Treasury arising from rail privatisation, apart from the £1.4 billion flotation of Railtrack planned for next spring.

Train-builders, leasing companies, venture capitalists and institutional investors worldwide have been approached by the Government's advisor, Hambros Bank. Buyout offers will also be considered.

Government advisors appear to expect several consortium bids for the rolling stock companies. Because Britain is at the forefront of worldwide experiments with railway privatisation, the sale is expected to attract strong interest from leading worldwide players in train building, such as GEC-Alsthom, ABB Daimler-Benz Transportation, and Siemens, of Germany.

Hambros pre-qualifaction document, published yesterday, shows that ownership of the trains has been divided so that, in most cases, an operating company wishing to procure trains to run its services will have a choice of only two suppliers.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3124.2	(+34.9)
Yield	4.36%	
FT-SE A All share	1527.85	(+13.89)
Nikkei	16129.96	(–121.27)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4074.69	(+1.04)*
S&P Composite	495.46	(–0.06)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹⁵⁄₁₆%*	(5¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	102²⁹⁄₃₂*	(103¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.38%*	(7.37%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅝%	(6¹³⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	103	(102¹³⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5807*	(1.5840)
London:		
$	1.5799	(1.5825)
DM	2.2140	(2.1910)
FFr	7.8845	(7.8340)
SFr	1.8382	(1.8200)
Yen	141.24	(140.92)
£ Index	84.6	(84.4)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4010*	(1.3857)
FFr	4.9850*	(4.9592)
SFr	1.1635*	(1.1505)
Yen	89.41*	(89.10)
$ Index	90.9	(90.7)

Tokyo close Yen 89.33

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jun) $16.70 ($16.60)

GOLD

London close $382.35 ($383.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Wembley rescue looks near

A FINANCIAL rescue plan for Wembley, the leisure group that owns the west London sports stadium, is expected to emerge by the start of next week, if agreement can be reached with banks owed £130 million (Martin Waller writes).

Wembley shares were suspended at 6p yesterday after news of some of the terms of the reconstruction leaked out. Directors said the board was "close to finalising the terms for a reconstruction".

The plan is thought to be a conversion of some debt into new shares to be held by the banks, along with a rights issue to raise fresh funds of perhaps £60 million. The reconstruction has been a slow and tortuous process, but advisers to the company were insisting last night terms would at last be issued shortly. Pennington, page 23

Halifax free shares verdict on Monday

BY ROBERT MILLER

MORE than two million Halifax and Leeds Permanent borrowers will have to wait until Monday to learn whether they are entitled to free shares after the two societies have merged and sought a stock market listing as Halifax plc.

As a two-day hearing in the High Court started yesterday, the two societies faced the Building Societies Commission, the regulator, in a "friendly" action. The commission wants to ensure the proposed handout of free shares to as many members of both societies as possible does not breach the 1986 Building Societies Act.

So far there have been two different court interpretations. Abbey National successfully argued that all members of the former society could receive free shares. However, Cheltenham & Gloucester had to change its initial proposal to include borrowers in a £1.8 billion cash payout from Lloyds Bank. The two cases are covered by different sections of the Act.

☐ This Saturday, dissatisfied C&G members will attend an extra meeting which the society was forced to call. One resolution calls on C&G to find some way to benefit borrowers and members of less than two years standing.

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Bass wins US court settlement

Bass, the brewing and hotels group, has agreed to a "favourable settlement" in a legal action against US-based Promus Companies, connected with Bass's purchase of Holiday Inn hotels. Bass brought the action in New York in 1992 to enforce "certain terms" in the 1990 merger agreement, under which Bass acquired the Holiday Inn hotel chain in North America.

Terms of the settlement were confidential, but Bass said the amount involved did not exceed 2 per cent of group net assets and was therefore "not material" in the context of the group.

Payment by Promus will compensate for the Bass claims and cover all outstanding tax issues, together with *all legal costs*, Bass said.

Law advances

Law Debenture, the international investment trust, *lifted its 1994 total dividend* to 20.50p (19.25p) after reporting that investment income and deposits rose to £5.9 million against £5.4 million, while income from trustee work advanced to £6.6 million (£6.2 million). Overall, pre-tax profits increased to £7.1 million (£6.7 million).

Erith build-up

Erith, the builders merchant, said sales for the first two months of the current year were 10 per cent ahead of the opening weeks of 1994, although the underlying rate of growth after price inflation was probably closer to 5 per cent. In 1994, Erith lifted taxable profits to £2.52 million (£1.09 million). Total payout is increased to 2.25p from 1p, with a 1.5p final, due May 5.

VCI ahead

VCI, the video and audio publishing group, whose chairman is Michael Grade, reported taxable profits of £6.9 million for 1994, compared with proforma profits of £5.2 million in 1993, adjusted after last year's flotation. There is a 4.2p final dividend.

Alcan set to dispose of peripheral operations

BY ERIC REGULY

ALCAN, the Canadian aluminium company, said *yesterday that it intends to sell* its non-core businesses in Britain, which have about 4,200 employees and assets of almost £200 million.

The sale represents the biggest opportunity in years to gain broad exposure to a wide variety of fabricated aluminium products, from household foil for cooking to aviation plate.

A spokesman for British Alcan said that Lazard Brothers, its financial adviser, has held a number of "very serious" discussions with potential buyers, all of them based *in Britain. They include* venture capital groups as well as metals companies.

The sale is expected to be completed in the summer for a price near the portfolio's book value of £200 million.

Alcan wants to sell the 12 companies in its "downstream" portfolio to a single buyer. A quick sale would enable it to take advantage of fairly strong demand and the long-awaited recovery in prices.

A tonne of aluminium is now worth about $1,800 compared with last year's price of $1,200 or less.

The companies on the auction block have combined annual sales of £400 million and trade from 35 locations in Britain, one in Ireland and seven in America.

They include Alcan Consumer Products, the market leader in household foil, Luxfer Gas Cylinders, which makes high-pressure gas cylinders, Baco Contracts, an aluminium structures contractor, and *Alcan Plate*, a maker of alloy plate for the defence industry.

The portfolio is said to be profitable, though industry experts think that it was likely that it lost money during the recession.

British Alcan, which includes the larger smelting, rolling and chemicals operations, reported a pre-tax profit of £31 million in 1994 compared to a loss of £22.7 million the year before.

The sale comes as no surprise. In late 1993, Alcan announced that it would concentrate on its core "upstream" businesses — bauxite refining, smelting and manufacturing rolled products such as thin aluminium for beverage cans and cars.

Since then, it has sold operations around the world, including Alcan Australia and a variety of building products, extrusion and distribution companies in North America.

Charles Belbin, a company spokesman in Montreal, said: "The United Kingdom companies are not in keeping with our new strategy of focusing on our core businesses."

When the sale is completed, British Alcan will consist of Alcan Smelting, which has three smelters, Alcan Rolled Products and Alcan Chemicals Europe.

The group has 2,800 employees and a turnover of £450 million. The sale will not affect Alcan's research centre in Banbury.



PETER TREVOR

Bon appetit: Neville Abraham, chairman, left, and Lawrence Isaacson, his deputy, at Groupe Chez Gerard, the restaurant chain. Maiden dividend is 0.75p from EPS of 3.8p (same) on pre-tax profits of £1.07 million (£810,000) in 26 weeks to December 25

Edinburgh Oil & Gas plans option scheme

BY CARL MORTISHED

EDINBURGH Oil & Gas is asking shareholders to approve a new option scheme that could involve the issue of shares worth 3 per cent of the company to its management. *The new scheme will be based* on the progress of the company with the grant of options dependent on a 25 per cent increase in the price of Edinburgh Oil & Gas shares, which stood at 20p yesterday.

Alf Bissett, managing director, said yesterday that the directors control about one million of the 34 million shares in issue, suggesting that the board could almost double its stake if the options are fully granted. Mr Bissett owns about 800,000 shares and took up his full entitlement *in the company's share* placing in March.

The USM-quoted Edinburgh, which plans a full listing this year, turned a first-half loss in 1994 into a full-year pre-tax profit of £185,000 *(£161,000). Earnings per share* fell from 0.93p to 0.6p because of the share issue. There is no dividend.

Simon reduces losses and prunes gearing

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE benefits of restructuring and cost cutting undertaken since new management came aboard at Simon Engineering helped the group to continue its recovery in the second half of 1994, with reduced annual losses and strengthening order books.

The company, which makes access equipment, including fire rescue gear, saw pre-tax losses fall to £18 million in 1994, compared with 1993's provision-driven losses of £160.3 million. Operating profits in the second half reached reached £4.3 million after a loss of £300,000 in the first half. Maurice Dixson, Simon's chief executive, said: "We said we would sort it out last year and deliver profits, *and that's what we're doing.*"

Disposals, a rights issue and closures of loss-makers helped to cut group borrowings 40 per cent to £70.3 million, with gearing down from 264 per cent to 86 per *cent. There is again no dividend*, but Simon intends to resume dividend payments in the current year.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.10
Austria Sch	16.52	15.02
Belgium Fr	48.53	44.23
Canada $	2.338	2.178
Cyprus Cyp£	0.751	0.696
Denmark Kr	9.49	8.69
Finland Mkk	7.47	6.82
France Fr	8.31	7.66
Germany Dm	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	379.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	12.87	11.87
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2536	4.5036
Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
Japan Yen	155.50	139.50
Malta	0.594	0.539
Netherlds Gld	2.625	2.395
Norway Kr	10.47	9.67
Portugal Esc	244.50	226.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.30
Spain Pta	209.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.09	11.29
Switzerland Fr	1.96	1.78
Turkey Lira	refer	63861.0
USA $	1.579	1.549

Rates for small denomination bank *notes only as supplied by Barclays* Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Allen backs Dreamworks with $500m

PAUL ALLEN, the software billionaire who founded Microsoft with Bill Gates, will invest $500 million in Dreamworks, the new entertainment company created by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen (Sean Mac Carthaigh writes).

The company said he would become the biggest outside investor with a stake of about *19 per cent. He will also sit on* the board of directors.

The company was started last October in a blaze of publicity, with industry analysts predicting success. The three founders said they *would retain two-thirds of the* company, which has a total equity valued at $2.7 billion.

Dreamworks will produce films, animated films, television shows, records and interactive entertainment.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Charter Group to sell Hargreaves

CHARTER GROUP is to sell Hargreaves, the aggregates company, a move which will complete the disposal of Charter's asset-based businesses. Charter shares rose from 781p to 795p yesterday on news that the company's acquisition last August of Esab, the Swedish welding group, had contributed £30 million to Charter's pre-tax profit of £54.8 million for the nine months to December.

Charter has changed its financial year end from March to December, leaving investors with no comparable profit figures. The 12-month pre-tax profit to March 1994, prior to the Esab purchase, was £24 million. Higher than expected profits from welding came largely from cost reductions put in place by Esab before the sale, although the continuing recession meant that sales in Europe were only 3 per cent ahead. Esab makes welding equipment. Earnings per share were 39.4p for the nine months and the dividend for the period is 18p. **Tempus, page 24**

Ofwat extends deadline

IAN BYATT, Director-General of Water Services, has given the Monopolies and Mergers Commission another three months, until June 28, to complete its examination of the prices charged by South West Water. South West went to the MMC last year, after Mr Byatt imposed price limits that the company claimed would cripple its capital investment programme. It argued that it was in poor shape before privatisation and needed higher prices to solve problems such as discoloured water and clogged pipes.

Morgan expands in US

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the industrial materials company, *has acquired three businesses* based in America for a total of $34.6 million, funded from the proceeds of last year's disposal of Holt Lloyd. Pure Carbon, a manufacturer of seals, bearings, vanes and rotors, has been acquired for $30 million. Diamond Corporation, a manufacturer of brush holders, was acquired for $3 million, while Refractory Products, which makes insulating fibre shapes for industrial *and high technology markets*, was acquired for $1.6 million.

Arjo sale hopes dashed

SAINT-LOUIS, the French industrial group, dashed hopes of a prompt sale of its 40 per cent interest in Arjo Wiggins Appleton, *the paper manufacturer*. Speculation of an imminent sale lifted Arjo shares to 258p from 241p; the announcement by Saint-Louis came after stock market trading ceased. Saint-Louis also reported 1994 net profit of Fr1.46 billion (Fr717 million). Net profit on ordinary activities was 37 per cent higher at Fr940 million. Arjo's contribution was reduced to Fr284 million from Fr516 million. The dividend was Fr38 (Fr35).

TT rises to record £35m

TT GROUP, the acquisitive industrial holding company that has built a 4.3 per cent stake in Meggitt, increased profits to a record £35.6 million before tax last year from £23.9 million *previously. The company said* Magnetic Materials Group and AB Electronic Products Group, acquired in 1992 and 1993 respectively, had responded well to initial cost-cutting measures. A final dividend of 3.3p a share makes 5.43p for the year, increased from an adjusted 4.4p last time. Earnings were 16.2p a share, compared with 12.9p.

Wilson Bowden ahead

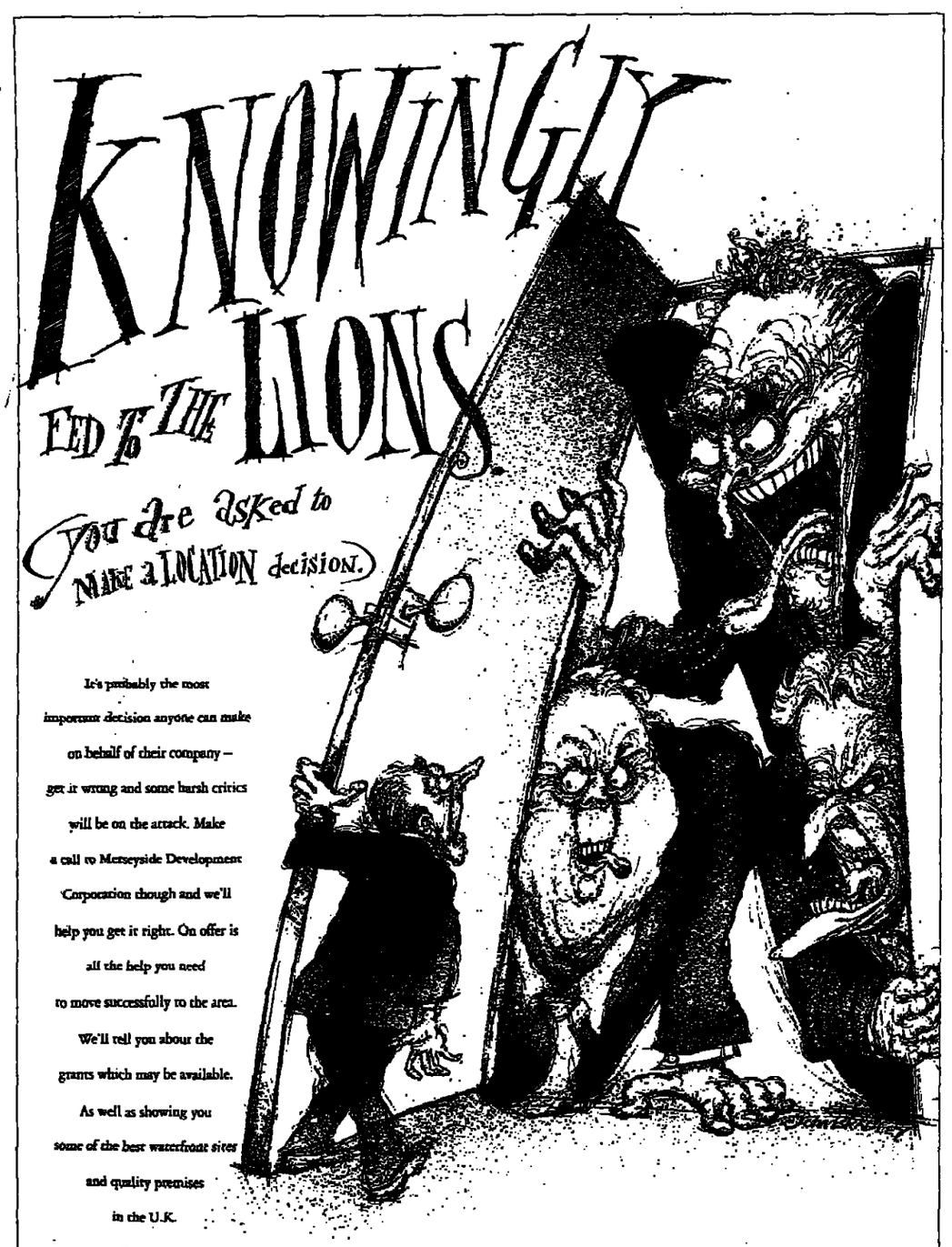
WILSON BOWDEN, the housebuilder and property developer, raised turnover and margins in a difficult market in the year to December 31 to lift profits to £37.1 million before tax from £31.2 million. The total dividend is increased to 10.05p a *share from 9.3p, with a 7.2p final, due May 26.* The company sold 2,062 houses, an increase of 10.9 per cent, at an average price of £95,600 (£83,900 previously), reflecting a change in mix towards larger houses. Profits in 1993 included an exceptional pension scheme surplus of £5.5 million.

Edinburgh funds fall

A HIGHER than average exposure to the emerging markets of Asia, Pacific and Latin America was the main reason for a 14 per cent fall in the value of funds under management at Edinburgh Fund Managers to £3.4 billion. Celebrating its 25th year in business, Edinburgh yesterday reported increased pre-tax profits of £13.7 million in the year ending January 31 compared with £9.8 million. The final dividend of the international fund management group was unchanged at 16p, lifting the total payout to 24p (22p).

EBRD to meet on loan

THE ruling board of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) will meet on March 27 to discuss a DM412.5 million loan to complete a Slovak nuclear plant. If *approved, the loan will be the largest yet* from the bank. The proposal has drawn criticism from environmentalists, who say Slovakia is better off with gas-powered energy sources. Austria has threatened to pull out of the EBRD if the loan goes through. The project is headed by Electricité de France, which is expected to contribute DM250 million.



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LEGAL NOTICES

J CLEMENTS & COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at: Hillgate House, 26 Old Bailey, London, EC4 on 27 March 1996 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm at: Hillgate House, 26 Old Bailey, London, EC4 on 25 March 1996 and 26 March 1996.
DATED - 13 March 1996
By order of the Board
J Clements
Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
MEDIA MOTION TECHNOLOGY LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 16th March 1996, I, Lynn Gibson was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company. Whilst, is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the members and by the Creditors of the Company. Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD by the 21st April 1996. LYNN GIBSON, Joint Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

District Court of Zürich, Switzerland: Probate Proceedings
Marianne Henriette Beck, née Gottlieb (originally Baum), born 4 January 1916, a widow with British nationality, died on 27 April 1992. Latterly resident in Zürich, Switzerland, she was the daughter of Levy Baum (born 30 November 1877, died 14 March 1918) and Bernardine Baum née Cohen (born 27 April 1886, died 18 February 1947). The statutory heirs are persons related to her through her grandparents, namely:
- any descendants of her grandparents on her father's side, Samuel and/or Henriette Baum née Baum de any full or half brothers or sisters of the testatrix's father and their descendants respectively;
- any descendants of her grandparents on her mother's side, Levi and/or Jeannette Cohen née Oschels (ie the descendants of the full brothers and sisters of the testatrix's mother, Robert Levi, Bertha Johnson and Albert Levi, and any other full and half brothers and sisters of her mother, and their descendants respectively).
However the deceased made full provision for the division of her estate and named specific beneficiaries, thereby excluding the statutory heirs. In a last will and testament which is subject to probate proceedings in the Court mentioned below.
In accordance with a ruling dated 5 February 1996 by the Judge for Estates and Succession, the named beneficiaries will therefore be issued with certificates of inheritance in their favour provided that no objection is lodged by any statutory heirs, enclosing proof of their rights as heirs, within one month of the publication of this Notice pursuant to Article 559 of the Swiss Civil Code. Furthermore the statutory heirs are entitled, on presentation of proof of their rights as heirs, to have sight of the last will and testament at the offices of the Judge mentioned below and to request a copy.
Zürich, 5 February 1996
Judge for Estates and Succession
District Court of Zürich
Kanzleistrasse 12
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Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 31 March 1996 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under of the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R Copsy
Joint Administrative Receiver

German Motor Company Limited
Registered Number: 1693410.
Former company name: Red Cave Limited. Trading Name: German Motor Company Limited. Nature of Business: Car Repairs/Bodywork. Trade Classification: 22 Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 15 March 1996. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Type of Security: Debenture over Fixed & Floating Assets. Date of Security: 20 December 1995. Names of persons appointed: I. A Manning and B J Wacey both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF (Office Holder Nos: 6477 and 6648).

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
WE, BERNARD HERBERT who has resided for the past six months at 9 Clapham Common, Southside, London SW4 and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Wine Bar Proprietor, MARK AMIS who has resided for the past six months at 84 South Hill Park, London NW3 and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Administration Manager and JEREMY TAYLOR who has resided for the past six months at 11 Campe House, Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill, London N10 and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Restaurant Manager
HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing Session for the Licensing Division of SOUTH WESTMINSTER to be held at HORSEFERRY ROAD MAGISTRATES COURT, 70 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AX on TUESDAY the 4TH day of APRIL 1995 at 10.30 a.m. o'clock in the forenoon, for the grant to US of a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 for the premises situate at 20 Bedford Street, London WC2 and known as The Hungry Cowboy.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if such a Certificate is granted, Section 76 of the said Act will apply to the said premises from the 4TH day of April 1996.
Any person intending to oppose the application shall give notice in writing of his intention to the applicant (s) and to the Clerk to the Licensing Justices specifying in general terms the grounds of his opposition not later than seven days before the commencement of the above Sessions.
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 1996
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TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
WE, SAMI MURTEZAOGLU who has resided for the past six months at 18 Cashel Road, Thornton, Surrey, SM1 3AB and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Manager and ULKER WALSH who has resided for the past six months at 01 Churchill House, Willesden Green, London NW2 5BG and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Manager
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named company will be held at 6 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2LP, on Friday, 31st April, 1995 at 2.00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the said act.
Dated this 14th day of March 1996
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☐ Artificial rail contracts will slow modernisation ☐ No accord on currencies ☐ On the road to Wembley

Train spotting

☐ YOU don't need to stand at *Clapham Junction with* an anorak and binoculars to see through the Government's pretence that privatisation will introduce effective competitive forces throughout the railway.

As every trainspotter knows, Intercity 225s are a *pretty rare* sight on the lines running into south London. Nor will the newly-created rolling stock leasing companies, Roscos for short, *find much of a market* for commuter trains with the next operator of the East Coast main line.

Britain's railways were built piecemeal by regional railway companies. Each used different *standards for the height* and width of tunnels. British Rail compounded this mistake by electrifying parts of the system, some with a third rail, others with overhead gantries.

As a result, routes have different rolling stock specifications, and hence dedicated trains. Equipment purchase and maintenance costs have been inflated, operational difficulties compounded. No wonder Britain's railways need a £1.8 billion a year subsidy.

Privatisation should unleash *market pressure for off-the-peg* equipment that is cheaper to buy, easier to operate and maintain *and can be switched* between different regions. Rolling stock costs are falling worldwide as cosy national suppliers are replaced by competing international groups offering better products. But standardisation *would require Railtrack* participation, and that could prove a sticking point, since Railtrack is being prepared as a cash cow for potential investors.

Yet the pre-privatisation Rosco contracts unveiled yesterday *appear designed to maximise* value for the Treasury, not promote modernisation.

Train operators will be obliged to use more than 68 per cent of existing rolling stock for the next decade. For most equipment, a *monopoly supplier will be replaced* by a duopoly. And cosy maintenance contracts will stymie the search for savings for up to four years. Hambros, who devised the new regime, claim Roscos will be encouraged to *accelerate renewal of their train* leasing fleets in order to reduce tax liabilities.

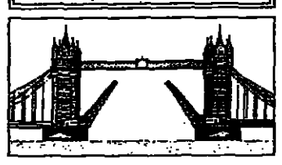
But the real danger is the arbitrary nature of the lease valuations. If rolling stock charges have been fixed at the wrong level, manufacturers who offer new trains more cheaply will find franchised operators *locked into over-priced contracts.* That would slow modernisation and continue to disadvantage the railway industry in its competition against road travel.

Once again, merchant bankers are playing guessing games *about complex, and artificial,* new markets. The last time they *tried* that was in the privatisation of the electricity industry.

Nostaigia on the foreign exchanges

☐ DOLLAR weakness has rattled the bars of the exchange rate mechanism so hard that those still stuck in the cage were bound to call for action. Jacques Santer, *their spokesman,* duly obliged over the weekend. The Plaza and

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Louvre accords, sepia-hued icons of politicians fed up with speculators, were brought out of the *museum, dusted down and held* up as the model for 1995. There must be an international agreement to stop markets messing things up. Perhaps it should be signed in Euro Disneyland.

The snowball of speculative money, which tends to cause avalanches whenever it changes direction, has grown far bigger than in the days of Louvre and Plaza. There is no more fundamental change of direction than when authorities hint that American interest rates have stopped going up and German rates have stopped going down. Trading is exaggerated rather than irrational.

Whenever the snowball thunders into marks, the fragility of the ERM is exposed. Widening the rates helped, but other European currencies become even *less competitive in third markets.* The fare to EMU looks ever more expensive, most clearly for France, undermining the cause. More rationally, the message might be that there should be no attempt to fix currencies permanently *until just before the single* currency is created — and that should be as soon as possible.

Outside the ERM, these tough issues can be avoided. Kenneth Clarke, the man who has promised the European central bank to Consett, can dismiss as unrealistic any attempt to return to currency manipulation pacts. Airy superiority is much easier than co-operation or determination. This lack of respect will not have gone unnoticed on the other side of the Channel, where diplomats could happily assure Tory backbenchers that there is no chance of sterling joining up for EMU while Mr Clarke is at the Treasury.

Sir Ron can blow Wembley whistle

☐ WEMBLEY would seem to have been going through a financial reconstruction since, say, Southampton last had any chance of success on its hallowed turf. Battered shareholders can *only hope the latest plan is not* allowed to slip through the goalkeeper's fingers.

Three years ago, for example, shareholders put up at 30p a share, in what was promised to be positively the last rescue rights. Now the company needs one of those complex debt-for-equity packages that have become such a gold mine for the corporate financiers. The sticking point here is the presence of Sir Ron Brierley's Guinness Peat, a relative newcomer to the shareholder register, as owner of 25 per cent of the preference shares. Sir Ron, a skilled practitioner at the corporate black *arts, has therefore taken a ring*side seat at a relatively low cost and is in a position to bring the game to an early end and block any proposals that do not please him.

Wembley has already accepted the relegation of Sir Brian Wolfson, its chairman and driving force, as an inevitable cost of the rescue. Sir Brian, possibly at Guinness Peat's instigation, is *moving down to deputy chair*manship of the group he largely created and then over-expanded. Wembley's shares are now suspended at 6p because of the weekend leaks, which prompts thoughts of horses and stable doors, given the enormous amount of informed speculation the rescue has already attracted in newspaper columns.

Sir Ron is clearly arbitraging, looking to sweeten whatever terms are eventually granted to *preference holders. Clear enough:* but what is he doing upping his stake in another casualty, Stanhope, owner of half of Broadgate and under 3p-a-share offer from British Land? Sir Ron is offering 3.5p — and the first person to work out just why, could be in a position to back a winner.

Argos passes £100m to become top toy seller

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHARES in Argos jumped 19p to 376p after the catalogue retailer beat even the most optimistic City expectations *with a 20 per cent rise in* profits and announced it was seeking authority to buy back its shares.

David Donne, the chairman, said that the group had no immediate plans to purchase its own shares but was, nevertheless, seeking approval to do so at its next annual meeting in May. The Argos *cash pile has been steadily* growing in recent years and stood at £354 million at the end of 1994.

Mike Smith, chief executive, said the money was currently earmarked for acquisitions. *The group has been investigat*ing acquisition opportunities for some time but so far has failed to find any. Yesterday Mr Smith said it had identified a number of key targets but has yet to enter into negotiations.

Profits broke through the £100 million level for the first time as the group reported a pre-tax result of £100.2 million in the year to December 31, up from £83.5 million in the corresponding period last year. Mr Donne said it was a significant milestone and vindicated the group's strategy of offering consistently low prices across a broad product range.

Total sales rose 13.3 per cent while like for like sales from existing stores increased 6.3 per cent. Mr Smith said that the group had seen positive growth in like for like sales and market share gains in all *of its 12 product categories* except for DIY.

The best performers were furniture, textiles, jewellery and toys, where the chain overtook Woolworths and



Smith: acquisitions planned

Toys "R" Us to become Britain's biggest toy retailer.

While Mr Smith believes Argos has the right breadth of product categories, he says *there is potential to raise the* number of lines from the current 7,448 to about 8,600 over the next two to three years.

The group maintained its aggressive pricing stance with selling prices almost 1 per cent lower last year than in 1993. A total of 94 per cent of the ranges in the 1995 spring-summer catalogue have been included at the same or lower *price than last year.*

There were 31 new stores opened during the period, including ten superstores, bringing the chain to 347. Expansion is set to continue at a rate of 20 to 30 stores a year with scope for up to 600 outlets across the country.

Mr Donne predicted another difficult year ahead for retailers as economic and political uncertainties repress consumer confidence. However trading at Argos is encouraging with sales up 11.5 per cent in the first ten weeks. Like for like sales are 3.5 per *cent ahead. The final dividend* is lifted to 7.85p (5.65p) making a total of 10.5p (8.0p), due on May 17.

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Goodwill charges push Bunzl into red

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

A HEFTY £84 million of exceptional goodwill charges pushed Bunzl into the red, but the paper, plastics and cigarette filters group is confident on prospects after a jump in underlying annual profits and a strong start to the current year.

Improved margins helped Bunzl to a better than expected 43 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £79.8 million in the year to December 31, on turnover from continuing operations 20 per cent higher at £1.51 billion. However, Bunzl slid to a £4.9 million loss, after writing-off a total of £84.7 million, including £35 million of goodwill on last year's £61 million disposal of Bunzl Building Supplies to Rugby and a £49.7 million charge on a number of acquisitions made during the Eighties.

Anthony Habgood, chief executive, said profits advanced in all business areas and margins improved to 5.3 per cent (4.2 per cent). He said the current year started well, with volume increases and margins holding up well.

Organic growth, acquisitions and firmer paper and plastic prices helped profits from paper and plastic disposables to jump 33 per cent to £54.1 million, as turnover topped £1 billion for the first time.

Higher paper prices, improved margins and restocking helped fine paper profits to surge 122 per cent, while profits from cigarette filters rose 27 per cent with growth in demand for special filters as more smokers moved towards higher-margin ultra low tar cigarettes.

Strong cash generation and disposals cut debts by £33.5 million to £66 million, with gearing down to 27.1 per cent (42.7 per cent). Adjusted earnings rose to 12p from 8.3p a share. The total dividend rises to 5p (4.1p), with a final of 3.2p, compared with 2.3p, payable on July 3. .

Devro issue will fund US purchase

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

DEVRO International, the sausage skin maker, is making a $290 million expansion move in the US through the acquisition of Teepak International. Devro is to pay $135 million for Teepak, a leading manufacturer of casings to cover processed meats, and assume debts of up to $155 million.

Graeme Alexander, Devro's chief executive, said the deal would broaden the group's product range. It would also increase its geographical coverage and provide a manufacturing base in Eastern Europe.

Teepak made profits before taxation and exceptional items of $21.4 million on sales of $327 million in the year to September 30. Profits were almost $5 million lower than the previous year, due to operational difficulties at its new plant in Sandy Run, South Carolina. Devro said it was confident it could solve the problems and restore margins.

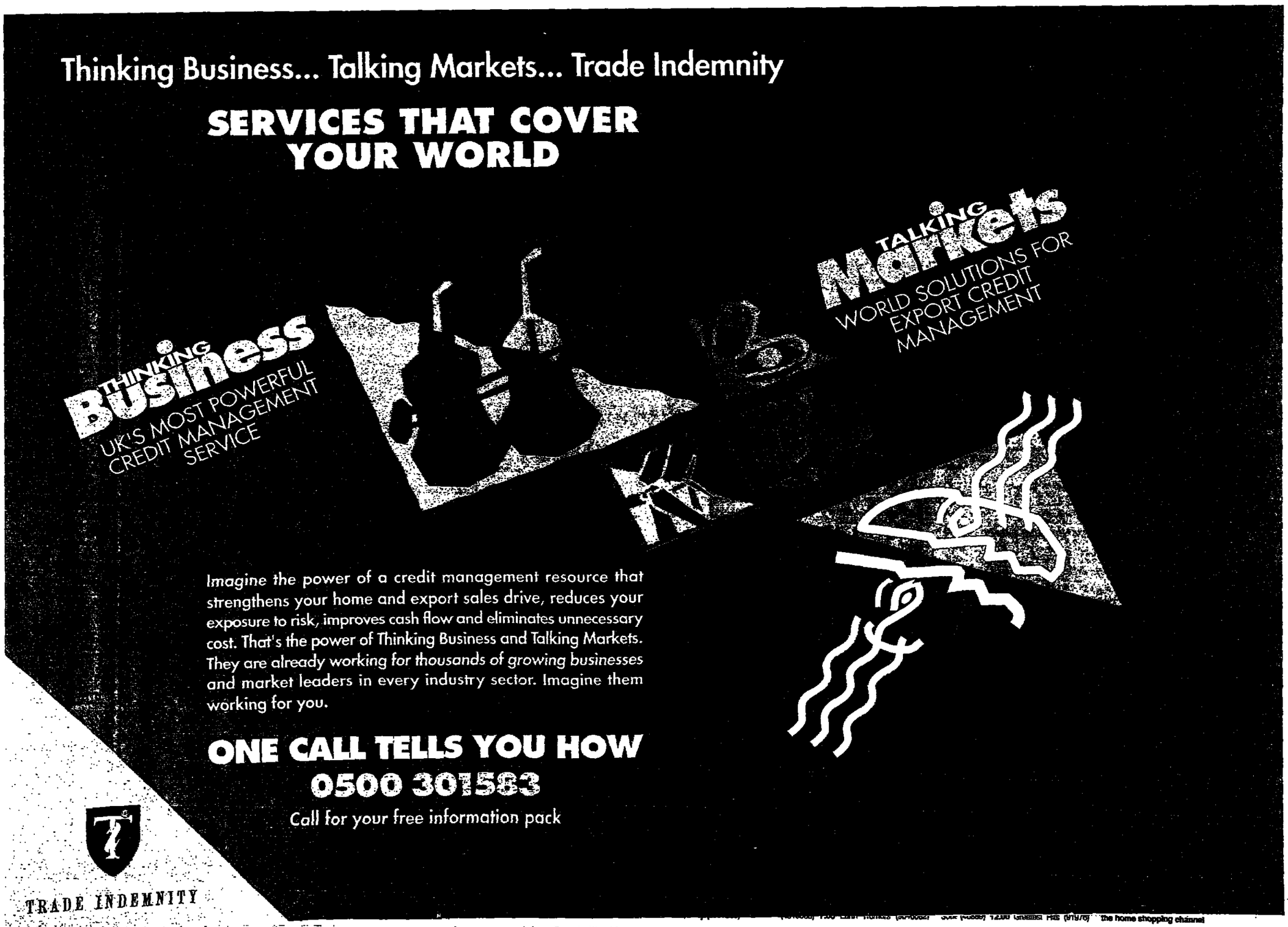
Mr Alexander expects few job losses among Teepak's 2,200 employees.

The purchase price will be paid via the issue of almost 11 million new ordinary Devro shares, up to $52.8 million in new convertible preference shares and by a cash payment of up to $45 million.

Mr Alexander said gearing would rise to about 80 per cent, although this figure climbs to 150 per cent if convertible preference shares are included as debt. He said the deal would be broadly neutral on earnings per share in the current year and earnings enhancing thereafter.

Devro reported a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £29.1 million, from £25.6 million, in the year to December 31. Earnings per share rose to 16.4p from 14.8p. The final dividend is lifted to 4.7p (4.17p) making a total of 7.05p against a notional full-year dividend of 6.25p in 1993.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Shares race past 3,100 to highest level of year

SHARE prices surged through the 3,100 level to close at their highest level so far this year as profits from the recent Wellcome bid began pouring back into the market-place via a £200 million program trade.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, with a leap of 34.9 points to 3,124.2, further supported by opening gains on Wall Street. It stretches the rise in the index during the past week to more than 100 points.

Market-makers quickly went on the defensive as investors began bidding for stock in thin trading, with sterling showing signs or rallying. It had been assumed that much of the early demand had been generated by traders in the financial future looking to the cash market to cover some exposed positions.

It was not until towards the close that evidence of the program trade began to emerge. Market makers pointed the finger at BZW, claiming it had rolled up profits gleaned from Glaxo's bid for Wellcome on behalf of a number of institutional clients and had begun pouring money back into the system. At the same time, it had hedged its position in the financial future.

The rise in the index was made all the more impressive by the long list of leading companies going ex-dividend — equivalent of a ten-point fall. Genuine retail business remained on low, with bed-and-breakfast transactions to establish a tax loss before the new financial year starting to get into full swing. These are believed to have accounted for a large number of the 708 million shares traded.

Bass responded, with a rise of 5p to 521p, to news that it had settled a lawsuit in the US against the Promus Companies.

Early speculative attention was focused on **Arjo Wiggins Appleton**, 17p higher at 258p, as talk resurfaced that St Louis, its 40 per cent French owned shareholder, is selling its holding, paving the way for a full bid. St Louis later denied the claims, but it came too late to affect the share price. There could be a few burnt fingers this morning when trading resumes.

The financial sector enjoyed some useful gains. **Legal & General** maintained its recent momentum with a rise of 9p to 481p. Last week it revealed it was in talks with the Department of Trade and Industry about utilising orphan funds that could result in a bonus payout for shareholders. **Prudential** also climbed 11p to 332p before figures later today expected to show pre-tax profits marginally ahead of last year's £593 million.



Tony Habgood, and David Williams, Bunzl finance director

In banks, **Abbey National** stood out with a rise of 14½p to 459½p after going ex-dividend. There were also gains for **Bank of Scotland** 3p to 214½p, **Barclays**, 10½p to 608p, **HSBC**, 17½p to 716p, **Lloyds**, 16p to 593p, **National Westminster**, 9p to 518p, and **TSB** 5p to 246p.

Half-year figures from **Lucas Industries** lived up to expectations, with pre-tax profits more than doubled at £44.5 million and the promise of more of the same in the second six months. The interim was unchanged at 2.1p. The shares responded with a fall of 1p to 197p.

Argos reacted to news of a large new expansion programme with a rise of 9p to 376p. The group plans to open 27 new stores over the next year, at a cost of £34 million. At least 21 of those will be ready by the end of this year. It is also seeking permission from shareholders to buy back some of its shares. Argos is currently sitting on cash of more than £200 million.

An impressive set of full-year figures also boosted **Bunzl**, where Tony Habgood is chief executive. The shares went 2p firmer to 170p, as pre-tax profits soared 43 per cent to almost £80 million. It was described as an across-the-board improvement, with profit margins up from 4.2 per cent to 5.3 per cent. The current year had started in a similar vein.

Shares of Royal Bank of Scotland stood out like a sore thumb in a rising banking sector with a loss of 3p to 411p as ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, reiterated its sell recommendation. Analyst Peter Toeman has also cut his forecast for the current year by £20 million to £640 million.

Storm Group, the cartoon and merchandising group, slipped 2p to 6p after denying reports that it was in bid talks. Storm said it has not received any approaches which would constitute an offer and was in talks with third parties which may lead to a substantial acquisition. In January Storm warned the City to expect an overall loss for the year because of production delays to a new television series.

Jupiter Tyndall, the fund manager, advanced 8p to 391p, excited by weekend claims that Commerzbank of Germany is ready to bid at leat 400p a share, valuing the company at £160 million. Towards the end of last year there was talk that SG Warburg wanted to bid for the group, but the speculation evaporated when Warburg later announced it was in merger talks with Morgan Stanley. **Warburg**, which continues to be viewed as a potential bid target, slipped 4p to 720p.

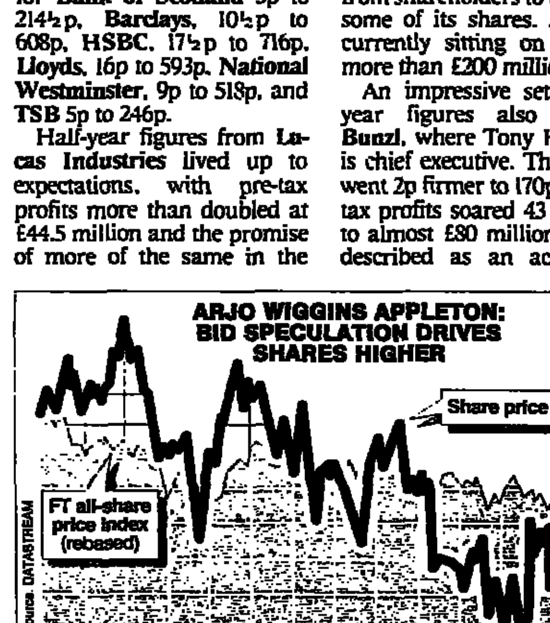
Shares of **Wembley** were suspended at 6p at the company's request. A statement said the lesiure group was now close to finalising its reconstruction.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts opened lower as the market showed signs of running out of steam. However, buyers soon began nibbling, cheered by a steadier performance from the pound and evidence of a slowdown in bank lending. But trading conditions overall were still thin, squeezing prices higher.

The quieter tone was reflected in the futures pit, where the June long gilt added £5/16 to £103 3/16 with only 27,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent climbed £11/32 to £96½, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks better at £98 11/32. The Bank of England will later today reveal details of this month's auction. It is expected to raise around £2 billion with the issue of existing stock Treasury 8 per cent 2015.

□ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares were flat as wary investors took a breather after last week's strong run. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.04 points at 4,074.69



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4074.69 (+1.04)
S&P Composite	495.46 (-0.06)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16129.96 (-121.27)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8594.43 (+59.72)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	394.87 (+2.07)
Sydney:	
AO	1904.5 (-16.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	1991.75 (-13.49)
Singapore:	
Straits	2091.54 (-10.29)
Brussels:	
General	6937.35 (+4.27)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1811.57 (+22.74)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	595.10 (+1.60)
London:	
FT 30	2381.8 (+19.6)
FT 100	3124.2 (+34.9)
FT-SE Mid 250	3391.0 (+16.5)
FT-SE-A 350	1548.6 (+15.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1244.62 (+11.43)
FT A All-Share	1527.85 (+13.89)
FT Non Financials	1646.95 (+12.98)
FT Fixed Interest	110.29 (-0.10)
FT Govt Secs	91.88 (+0.02)
Bargains	30953
SEAQ Volume	708.7m
USM (Datastrm)	145.04 (+0.04)
US$	1.5823 (-0.0024)
German Mark	2.2100 (+0.0136)
Exchange Index	84.6 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2042
£:SDR	1.0305
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	164	-1
Bath Press (10)	12¼	...
Beale	180	...
Colleagues	126	...
Dailywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	136	...
GET Group (125)	128	...
Geared Inc IT (100)	100	...
Golden Rose Cms (135)	123	...
HTR Inc (100)	98	...
HTR Inc Div Pf (100)	104	-½
Inv Capital Wts	19	+2
Inv Tst of Inv	84	...
Inv Tst of Inv Wts	56	...
Melrose Energy Wts	3½	...
Mntnro Comp (100)	94	+1
Mntnro Wts	43	...
Nat Power (p/p) (476)	169	-1
Photobition (150)	153	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	189	-½
Schroder Inc Gth Uts	495	...
Superframe Group (50)	50	...
Superframe Wts	7	...
Throgmorton Dual	101½	...
Zotefoams (145)	174	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Beauford n/p (28)	1	...
Cadbury Schws (340)	209	+3
Cookson n/p (175)	26	+1
Dalgety n/p (335)	79	+6
Horace Sml Aprl n/p (90)	36	+1
Rhino Group n/p (8)	¼	...
Unit Group n/p (39)	1½	...
Wyko n/p (52)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
RMC Gp	980p (+13p)
Doeflex	158p (+18p)
Charter	795p (+14p)
Molins	521p (+16p)
Scot TV	405p (+10p)
Ranger	403p (+25p)
Argos Plc	376p (+19p)
FALLS:	
Hambros	207p (-8p)
Waste Mgt Intl	276p (-12p)
Govett	270p (-6p)

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TEMPUS

Lucas skywalker

LUCAS Industries is clearly still deeply embarrassed by being caught out by the US Defence Department after failing to carry out promised safety checks on defence equipment. The company has, it says, "settled the criminal aspects of the investigation", for which read been fined a total of £20 million, but the civil action is still grinding slowly through the litigation process after an initial settlement put up by the company was refused.

Hence Lucas's insistence that the consequent debarment from bidding for US defence contracts only affects £40 million of group business. The whole mess is a pity, because the interim figures find the group firing on all cylinders in spite of the continuing weakness of the aerospace market. George Simpson has implemented a strategic review since his arrival as chief executive less than a year ago, and one option could be an exit from aerospace entirely, but the disadvantage of this would be to emphasise the cyclical nature of the automotive side. Selling the aerospace businesses at the bottom would not be a commercially astute move.

Margins in automotive will never see the peak 9 per cent enjoyed in 1989-90, but they rose from 3.3 per cent to 5.6 per cent in the first half and can expect to improve further this year on normal seasonal trends. Full-year figures, the first for a while to come in without heavy exceptionals, would put the shares on a forward multiple of about 17, and with little prospect of higher dividends, there would seem to be little to go for in the near term. Further out, prospects depend on the extent of future restructuring.

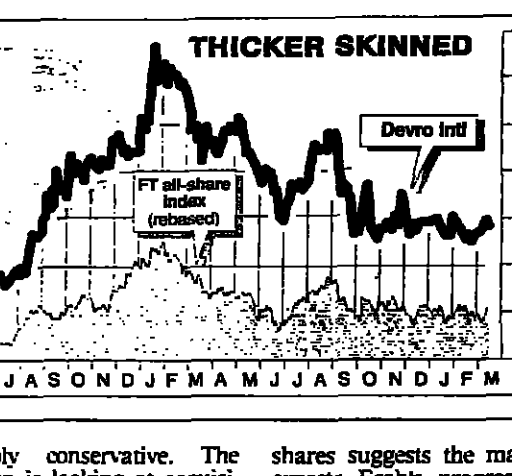
Devro

HAVING been one of the most fashionable new issues of 1993, Devro International fell out of favour last year as investors fretted about what the company was going to do with the cash that was piling up on its balance sheet. It has answered that question emphatically with an acquisition that is hard to fault from any angle, and one that will take several years to digest.

Teepak International expands all aspects of Devro's business. As well as trebling the group's turnover, it expands its product range into cellulose and fibrous sausage skins, which will fit well alongside Devro's collagen skins. It also fills out the group's geographic coverage, since 60 per cent of Teepak's sales are in America, compared with only a quarter at Devro.

Nor does the price look expensive. The $135 million purchase price may represent an exit multiple of 15 times, but there is plenty of scope at Teepak to improve its 11 per cent operating margins, which should ensure the business is earnings enhancing by the end of the year.

The market may be concerned about Devro's gearing after the deal, which will rise to 160 per cent after taking on Teepak's $155 million debt. But Devro's cash generation is phenomenal, as it showed when it repaid all its £12 million flotation debt within five months. The shares, at 217p should be due for a run once the placing for the acquisition is completed.



Argos

AS the high street lapses into another bout of depression, Argos remains one of the rare pools of light. Its no-frills retailing formula is perfect for the thrifty nineties consumer, while its core technology helps to prevent the stock shortages or gluts that other retailers suffer.

It is easy to chart Argos's successful markets of the moment by judging the pain other retailers suffer. Last year, it stole a significant slice of market in jewellery and electronics, to the dismay of Signet and Kingfisher.

Argos continues to open stores relentlessly, with another 27 planned this year. While its target to increase the chain from 347 to almost 600 looks ambitious, the group has made only a handful of mistakes: just five of the 347 do not produce a profit on a full contribution basis.

In all other aspects of business development, Argos's management remains deeply conservative. The group is looking at acquisitions and could spend more than £300 million. But any deal looks distant.

That is why the City was so excited about the possibility of a share buy-back, even though the group emphasises that none is currently planned. But the 31 per cent rise in the dividend shows that Argos is prepared to slow the growth of its cash pile, and even on a historic p/e ratio of 17, the shares do not look overpriced.

Charter

CHARTER's Swedish horse came in a good ten lengths ahead of the field, contributing almost 60 per cent of the group's profit from only four month's trading. Such a performance puts bigger demands on Esab, and the market expects operating profits of £110 million from Charter in 1995 with welding bringing in £80 million.

But the rating on the shares suggests the market expects Esab's progress to slow markedly in 1996. Much of the last year's improvement came from better margins and a surge of growth in Brazil which produced a large chunk of Esab's earnings. Sales in Europe were weak and Esab needs to improve its 14 per cent share of the German market.

Questions over the quality of Esab's earnings and growth prospects are a little unfair. The company has more to do in squeezing more margin from Esab; the European automotive and construction cycle has further to go and Esab has yet to make the most of prospects in the Far East. In the meantime, the profitability of Esab will shorten its payback and reduce gearing. If Charter can generate £25-30 million from the sale of Hargreaves, gearing should fall to 30 per cent by December, leaving the company free to buy again.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	989-985	May	1044-1042
May	994-992	Jul	1052-1050
Jul	1002-1001	Sep	1064-1060
Sep	1010-1008	Dec	1080-1072
Dec	1025-1023		
Mar	1035-1033	Volume: 2797	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	3198-3175	Nov	2980-2975
May	3110-3105	Jan	2960-2945
Jul	3040-3035	Mar	2960-2940
Sep	3005-3000	Volume: 5252	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	326.0-24.6
Spot: 381.0		Mar	320.8-18.7
May	381.7-80.1	May	320.7-17.2
Aug	366.9-66.1	Aug	318.7-14.7
Oct	336.0-35.1	Volume: 1679	

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.97	129.03	121.72
(+/-)	+0.19	+3.61	+0.39
Eng/Wales:	90.97	129.58	121.79
(+/-)	+0.19	+3.92	+0.37
(%)	-26.0	-31.0	-13.0
Scotland:	unq	127.56	121.37
(+/-)	—	+3.08	+0.55
(%)	—	-3.0	-15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.80	+0.25
Brent 15 day (May)	16.75	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	16.70	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.45	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	18.40	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 170 (n/c)	O: 172 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	148 (+1)	149 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	147 (+2)	148 (+2)
Non EEC 1H May	147 (+1)	148 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	104 (n/c)	106 (n/c)
Naphtha	173 (n/c)	175 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Apr	145.50-45.75	Jul	148.25-48.50
May	145.75-46.00	Aug	150.00-50.25
Jun	146.25-46.50	Vol: 8968	

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	16.75-16.77	Aug	16.56 SLR
Jun	16.69-16.70	Sep	16.55 SLR
Jul	16.58-16.60	Vol: 17408	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	113.00	Mar	108.00
May	114.15	May	108.50
Jul	115.40	Sep	100.20
Sep	101.75	Nov	102.25
Nov	102.75	Jan	104.30
Volume: 285		Volume: 68	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	295.0	294.0
May	unq	335.0
Jul	—	—
		Volume: 19

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Apr 123.25-123.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 95	2315	2315	2317
Apr 95	2325	2305	2320
May 95	2255	2225	2257
Jul 95	2000	1985	1990
Vol: 153 lots		Open Interest: 4405	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2888.0-2889.0	2878.0-2879.0	1289175
Lead ($/tonne)	571.00-572.00	584.50-585.00	95850
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	1006.0-1006.5	1032.0-1032.5	2692250
Tin ($/tonne)	5440.0-5460.0	5510.0-5520.0	18995
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1725.5-1726.5	1767.5-1768.0	1139800
Nickel ($/tonne)	7140.0-7145.0	7280.0-7290.0	46410

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3090.0	3155.0	3090.0	3142.0	14597
Previous open interest: 55367	Sep 95				3165.0	0
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3390.0	3390.0	3390.0	3390.0	20
Previous open interest: 3910	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.48	92.55	92.47	92.51	18263
Previous open interest: 402753	Sep 95	92.10	92.19	92.10	92.15	9722
	Dec 95	91.81	91.90	91.81	91.87	5411
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.51	0
Previous open interest: 1204	Sep 95				93.29	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	94.89	94.90	94.86	94.87	19622
Previous open interest: 741797	Sep 95	94.59	94.62	94.56	94.58	15491
Long Gilt	Mar 95	102-30	103-04	102-30	103-00	399
Previous open interest: 100862	Jun 95	102-27	103-14	102-26	103-06	27745
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	112.27	112.30	112.09	112.30	1573
	Sep 95				110.96	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	92.01	92.20	91.87	92.04	81305
Previous open interest: 185861	Sep 95	91.52	91.52	91.52	91.54	170
Three month ECU	Jun 95	92.89	92.92	92.86	92.87	1797
Previous open interest: 19589	Sep 95	92.89	92.92	92.85	92.88	479
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.20	96.20	96.15	96.17	3301
Previous open interest: 35873	Sep 95	95.97	95.98	95.93	95.95	501
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	92.20	92.84	92.09	92.31	31325
Previous open interest: 50277	Sep 95				91.71	0

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	25	33½	43	4¼	18½	20½
(*517)	550	2½	11	20	34	48½	49½
Argyll	280	16½	23½	28¼	4	10½	14
(*292½)	300	5½	13½	18½	12¼	21½	24½
ASDA	70	4¼	8	9¼	2	3	4
(*73½)	80	0½	3	4½	7¼	8½	9½
Boots	500	23½	34	42½	4	16	18
(*519)	550	1½	10	18½	32	45	46
Br Airways	390	14½	25½	33½	7½	19	23¼
(*395)	420	3	12	20	26½	37½	41
BP	390	29½	36½	45½	1½	5½	10½
(*416½)	420	8	18	28	10¼	16½	22½
Br Steel	160	7	12½	16½	2½	6½	8½
(*164½)	180	0½	4½	7½	15¼	18	19½
C & W	390	11½	23½	32½	8½	19¼	23
(*392½)	420	1½	10½	20	29½	37¼	41
CU	493	49	—	—	1	—	—
(*539)	543	13	—	—	14½	—	—
ICI	650	53½	71	79	3½	8	14½
(*698½)	700	17¼	38	48	16½	25½	33
Kingfishr.	420	29	35½	46½	4½	14½	20½
(*446½)	460	4	16	27½	27½	36	41
Land Sec.	550	50½	57	61	0	9	11
(*597)	600	12½	21	29	11	30½	34
M & S	390	14	20½	29½	4¼	13½	16½
(*397)	420	2	7	16	23½	31½	33½
Nat West	500	25½	41	49	5½	13½	21
(*517½)	550	3½	17	25	34	39½	47½
Sainsbury	420	20	28½	37½	3	12½	16½
(*435)	460	2	9	18½	26	35½	38½
Shell	700	32½	39	52	6	14½	21½
(*731½)	750	3	14	26	38½	41½	47
Smkl Bch.	500	32	44	55½	3½	12	17
(*526½)	550	5	18	30½	26½	36½	41½
Storehse	220	7¼	13½	17	3½	8½	10½
(*222)	240	1	5	8¼	18	21	22½
Trafalgar	50	7	9½	11	0	1½	2
(*56½)	60	1½	4½	5½	4	6	6½
Unilever.	1200	30	56	82	18	32½	41
(*1225)	1250	6	32	56	54	61	67½
Zeneca	850	46	71½	84	10½	21½	30
(*883)	900	18	42½	56	32½	43	52½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	360	33½	38½	45	2½	7½	9
(*387)	390	12½	19½	27	12	19½	21
Ladbroke.	160	15½	20½	23	2½	5½	8
(*170½)	180	4	10	13	12	15	17½
Utd Bisc.	330	14	25½	29½	12½	18	22
(*338½)	360	4	14	17½	34	37½	40

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	450	29½	—	—	2	—	—
(*474½)	475	11½	—	—	9½	—	—
Thames W	460	34	42	47	1½	15	17½
(*489½)	500	8½	18	25	16	36	38
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	390	33	44½	48	4	12½	15½
(*415½)	420	14	26	31½	14½	26	29
BTR	300	22½	31	34	3	7	11½
(*316)	330	6	14½	18½	17	20½	26
Br Aero	487	32½	—	—	10½	—	—
(*505)	536	9	—	—	36½	—	—
Br Telcm	360	29½	36½	39½	2	8	10½
(*383)	390	10½	18	22½	13	21½	25
Cadbury	447	18½	31	—	10	16	—
(*451)	486	3½	13½	—	35½	39	—
Guinness	390	31½	37	43	6	8	11½
(*419)	420	10½	19½	27	19½	21	25
GEC	280	19	24½	27	3	9	11
(*293)	300	7½	13	16	11½	19	21
Hanson	220	20	23	24½	1½	4½	6½
(*236½)	240	6½	11	13½	8½	13	15½
LASMO	140	17	20½	24½	1½	3	4½
(*154)	160	5	8½	13	9½	11½	13
Lucas	180	19½	25½	28½	2½	5½	9
(*197)	200	7	14	17½	10½	14	18½
Pilkingtn	160	15½	17½	20½	1½	4½	6½
(*172)	180	4	7	9½	10½	14½	16
Prudential	330	8½	17½	21½	15	17½	21½
(*332½)	360	1	6½	10½	38½	39	41½
Redland	420	26	32½	37	12½	19	23½
(*441½)	460	6½	14½	19½	39½	43½	47½
R-Royce	160	9½	15½	18	5½	8½	10
(*162)	180	2½	7	9½	18½	20½	22
Tesco	260	12½	17½	21½	7	10½	13
(*267)	280	3½	8½	12½	19½	22	24½
Vodafone	200	11½	16½	22½	6½	11	13½
(*202½)	220	3½	8	13½	19	22½	25
Williams	300	27½	30½	33½	3	7	12
(*325)	330	7	13½	18	17½	21½	26½

FT-SE INDEX (*3122½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Apr	140½	101	68	41	22	9½
May	164½	128	97	69	47½	31½
Jun	180	144½	115½	88	66½	48
Jul	197½	165	136½	110	89	68½
Dec	274½	—	213½	—	163½	—
Puts						
Apr	12	22½	39½	43	95	134
May	28½	41½	60	82½	111	146
Jun	41	55	75	98	126	158½
Jul	49½	67	87½	111½	140½	171
Dec	90	—	127	—	176	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	420	50½	57	63½	4½	8½	10½
(*459½)	460	23½	31	38½	16½	22½	25
Amstrad	150	19½	—	—	3	—	—
(*164)	175	6	—	—	14½	—	—
Barclays	600	33½	46½	57½	18	28½	33
(*607½)	650	13	23½	34½	48½	58½	60½
Blue Circ	280	16	23½	27½	13½	19	21½
(*286½)	300	8	16	19½	26	31	33½
Br Gas	280	20½	23½	27½	6	9½	13½
(*295)	300	8½	13½	17½	16½	19½	24
Dixons	200	28½	30	32	3	6½	9
(*222)	220	14½	17½	20	9	15	17
Forte	240	9½	15½	18½	12½	15½	18
(*240)	260	3½	8	11	27	29	30
Hillsdwn	160	16½	18	20	4	6	8
(*175)	180	4	8½	10½	15	17	18½
Lonrho	140	11½	14½	17½	6	9	10½
(*143½)	160	4	6½	9	18½	20½	22
Sears	90	11	12	13	1	2½	3½
(*97½)	100	4	6½	7	5½	7	8
Thrn Emi	1000	62	73½	83	15½	33½	39½
(*1030½)	1050	32½	45½	56½	37	58½	64½
Tomkins	240	14½	19½	23½	9	14	16½
(*242½)	260	6	10½	14½	20½	26	28
TSB	240	17½	24	28	9½	14	15
(*246)	260	9	14½	19	20½	24½	25½
Wellcome	1000	68	77½	—	4	5½	—
(*1067½)	1050	25	37½	—	19½	20	—
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	23	47½	63½	14½	29	45
(*707)	750	5½	25½	40½	46½	57	73
HSBC	700	23½	47	61½	25	42	54
(*715½)	750	6	27	41½	61	73	83½
Reuter	460	18	34	47½	8	17	23
(*469)	500	2½	16	28½	33	39½	44
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	280	26	32½	36½	4½	7½	12
(*299)	300	13½	20½	25	11½	15½	21
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	14	20	23	11	14½	16½
(*163)	180	6	12	15	23½	27	28½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	550	45	56½	64	12½	28	34
(*576)	600	19	31	41	37	55	61
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	430	27	32	39	14	18	20½
(*433)	460	7½	14½	21	39½	42½	44
Scot Pwr	300	35½	39	42½	4½	10	11½
(*325)	330	17½	21	26	15½	24	25

March 20, 1995 Tot: 36151 Call: 24496 Put: 11655 FT-SE Call: 5593 Put: 3697

*Underlying security price.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅜; 3 mth 6½. Sell: 2 mth 6⅜; 3 mth: 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½
Interbank:	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅜	n/a	6½	7	7½
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	6.03	n/a	6.16	6.34	6.65
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5¾	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	5⅞-4⅞
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	5¼-5	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	8¼-7	8½-7	8¼-7	8¼-7	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3¾-3⅝	3⅝-3⅜	3½-3¼	3½-3¼	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2¼-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.50-382.90 Close: $382.10-382.60 High: $384.60-385.10
Low: $381.40-381.90 AM: $382.45 PM: $382.20

Krugerrand: $383.00-385.00 (£241.75-243.75)

Platinum: $418.25 (£263.65) Silver: $4.68 (£2.955) Palladium: $167.25 (£105.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4745-2.5037	2.4812-2.4844	¾-⅝pr	1-⅞pr
Brussels	45.54-46.14	45.67-45.77	1-3ds	2-5ds
Copenhagen	8.8700-8.9610	8.8700-8.8840	⅞-1⅞ds	2⅞-4⅞ds
Dublin	0.9956-1.0028	0.9977-1.0003	6-10ds	15-21ds
Frankfurt	2.2054-2.2335	2.2124-2.2155	¾-⅝pr	⅞-¾pr
Lisbon	233.30-236.56	233.95-234.58	96-114ds	254-307ds
Madrid	202.92-204.83	203.15-203.45	56-75ds	1½-1⅛pr
Milan	2732.20-2775.40	2738.60-2748.40	1-2ds	3-5ds
Montreal	2.2237-2.2453	2.2237-2.2268	0.35-0.41ds	0.89-0.97ds
New York	1.5794-1.5908	1.5794-1.5804	0.03-0.01pr	0.15-0.12pr
Oslo	9.8860-10.0050	9.8860-9.9010	1¼-¾pr	3¼-2¼pr
Paris	7.8660-7.9500	7.8780-7.8910	1¼-1½ds	4-4¾ds
Stockholm	11.4720-11.6230	11.4830-11.5070	1¼-2¼ds	5¼-6¼ds
Tokyo	141.11-142.59	141.11-141.37	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	15.52-15.72	15.54-15.57	2¼-1½pr	7-5¼pr
Zurich	1.8346-1.8544	1.8368-1.8396	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3760-1.3770
Austria	9.84-9.85
Belgium (Com)	28.86-28.87
Canada	1.4090-1.4095
Denmark	5.6105-5.6155
France	4.9755-4.9785
Germany	1.3978-1.3988
Hong Kong	7.7306-7.7312
Ireland	1.5854-1.5863
Italy	1735.0-1738.0
Japan	89.42-89.47
Malaysia	2.5498-2.5505
Netherlands	1.5686-1.5691
Norway	6.2604-6.2624
Portugal	147.85-147.95
Singapore	1.4130-1.4135
Spain	128.87-128.92
Sweden	7.2563-7.2638
Switzerland	1.1630-1.1640

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5820-1.5846
Australia dollar	2.1770-2.1799
Bahrain dinar	0.5915-0.6035
Brazil real*	1.4048-1.4089
China yuan	12.75 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.70-0.71
Finland markka	6.8575-6.9735
Greece drachma	359.00-366.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.2283-12.2369
India rupee	49.39-50.35
Indonesia rupiah	3496.00-3561.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.463-0.473
Malaysia ringgit	4.0333-4.0369
New Zealand dollar	2.4490-2.4532
Pakistan rupee	48.35 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8825-6.0085
Singapore dollar	2.2347-2.2369
S Africa rand (com)	5.7354-5.7442
U A E dirham	5.760-5.884

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	600	Legal & Gn	3,700
ASDA Gp	10,000	Lloyds Bk	3,000
Abbey Natl	3,800	MEPC	2,100
Alld Dom	1,200	Marks Spr	7,300
Argyll Gp	3,500	NatWst Bk	4,600
Arjo Wiggn	5,200	Nat Power	3,500
AB Foods	290	Nth Wst W	203
BAA	4,000	P & O	2,000
BAT Inds	11,000	Pearson	1,800
BOC	2,100	PowerGen	796
BP	15,000	Prudential	11,000
BTR	11,000	RMC	179
BT	7,600	RTZ	3,000
Bk of Scot	1,700	Rank Org	3,600
Barclays	5,500	Reckitt Col	2,100
Bass	1,400	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	3,300	Reed Intl	1,400
Boots	3,600	Rentokil	4,200
Bowater	447	Reuters	5,900
Brit Aero	2,000	Rolls Royce	10,000
Brit Airwys	5,500	Ryl Ins	5,200
Brit Gas	11,000	Ryl Bk Scot	4,100
Brit Steel	7,600	Sainsbury	4,700
Burmah Cstl	819	Schroders	22
Cable Wire	5,400	Scot & New	1,500
Cadbury	3,800	Scot Power	2,600
Caradon	2,400	Sears	1,800
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	429
Cm Union	4,000	Shell Trans	4,700
Courtaulds	816	Siebe	2,100
De La Rue	410	SmKl Bch	4,800
Eastern Elec	908	Smith Nph	4,000
Enterpr Oil	1,800	Sthern Elec	1,000
Forte	1,600	Std Chartd	8,000
GKN	1,900	Sun Allnce	6,600
GRE	2,400	TI Gp	376
GUS	1,100	TSB	3,500
Gen Acc	1,500	Tate & Lyle	2,300
Gen Elec	5,100	Tesco	3,400
Glaxo	4,100	Thames W	723
Granada	2,000	Thrn EMI	1,300
Grand Met	3,700	Tomkins	6,100
Guinness	5,200	Unilever	2,300
HSBC	4,300	Utd Bisc	800
Hanson	12,000	Vodafone	11,000
ICI	3,700	Warburg (SG)	527
Inchcape	4,200	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	3,200	Wlms Hld	2,800
Ladbroke	6,200	Wolseley	1,300

WALL STREET

	Mar 20 midday	Mar 17 close
AMP Inc	36¾	37¼
AMR Corp	62½	61½
AT & T	53	52¾
Abbott Labs	37¼	36⅞
Advanced Micro	34⅛	34½
Aetna Life	55⅞	56¼
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅜	17⅜
Air Prod & Chem	48⅜	48⅜
Alberson's	31½	31½
Alcan Alumnm	25⅛	25¼
Alco Standard	69¼	69¼
Allied Signal	38½	38⅝
Alum Co of Am	37¾	37⅞
Amax Gold Inc	5⅛	5½
Amerada Hess	47⅜	47⅜
Amer Brands	37⅝	37¼
Amer El Power	32	32¼
Amer Express	32⅝	32⅜
Amer Genl Corp	31½	32⅜
Amer Home Pr	74	74¼
Amer Intl	105	104⅝
Amer Stores	24¼	24¼
Ameritech	42⅞	43⅜
Amoco	61½	61
Anheuser-Busch	57¼	57¼
Apple Computer	35⅝	35¼
Archer Daniels	19¼	19¼
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	45⅝	45¼
Asarco	24½	24½
Ashland Oil	32½	32¼
Atl Richfield	111½	111½
Auto Data Pro	64¼	63¼
Avery Dennison	39¼	38¼
Avon Products	57½	57⅝
Baker Hughes	19⅝	19⅝
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	27⅜	27⅜
BankAmerica	47⅜	47⅜
Bank of NY	31	31¼
Bankers Tr NY	53½	52½
Barnett Banks	44¼	44½
Bausch & Lomb	34¼	34½
Baxter Intl	33¼	33⅝
Bectn Dicknsn	55½	56
Bell Atlantic	53½	53¼
BellSouth	59¼	59
Black & Decker	28¼	28½
Block (H&R)	43	43
Boeing	49⅝	49⅝
Boise Cascade	31½	31½
Borden Inc	13¼	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	65⅛	64¼
Browning Ferris	33½	33¼
Brunswick	20⅜	20¼
Burlington Nthn	58⅛	59¾
CBS	67⅜	67⅝
CNA Financial	74¼	73¼
CPC Intl	55¼	55¼
CSX	77¼	78½
Campbell Soup	50¼	50⅝
Can Pacific	13⅝	14
Cpl Cities ABC	89⅝	88¼
Carolina Pwr	27⅜	27
Caterpillar	51½	51½
Central & SW	23¼	24
Champion Intl	39	39⅝
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	39¼	39⅝
Chevron Corp	47¼	48
Chrysler	39⅝	40⅜
Chubb Corp	79⅜	79
Cigna Corp	75¼	75⅝
Citicorp	42⅝	42⅜
Clorox	61½	61½
Coastal Corp	27¼	28¼
Coca Cola	57⅝	58⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	65¼	66⅜
Columbia Gas	26	26¼
Compaq Comp	33½	32⅜
Comp Ass Int	62⅞	63½
Conagra	33¼	32⅝
Conrail	55⅜	56
Cons Edison	27¼	27⅜
Cons Nat Gas	37	37
Cooper Inds	38⅜	39
Corning Inc	33½	33¼
Crown Cork	43⅜	43⅜
Dana Corp	23⅜	23⅝
Dayton Hudson	68⅜	69
Deere	78¼	77½
Delta Air Lines	57⅜	57
Deluxe Corp	27½	27⅜
Detroit Edison	27	27½
Digital Equip	31½	31½
Dillard Dept St	24⅝	24⅝
Disney (Walt)	55	55⅜
Dominion Res	35⅜	36⅛
Donelley (RR)	35½	35½
Dover Corp	60¼	60½
Dow Chemical	68	68⅜
Dow Jones	37⅜	36½
Dresser	20⅜	20⅝
Duke Power	38⅝	39⅜
Dun & Bradstreet	53½	53
Du Pont	58½	57⅝
Eastman Kodak	51½	52
Eaton Corp	50	50¼
Emerson Elec	64⅞	65

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Enron Corp	33¼	33½
Entergy	20⅜	20¼
Ethyl Corp	10¼	10¼
Exxon	65⅝	65¼
FMC Corp	59⅛	59⅝
FPL Group	35⅜	35½
Federal Express	65⅞	65¼
Fed Nat Mtge	76⅜	76⅜
First Chicago	47⅜	47⅜
First Interstate	78⅜	79
First Union Rlty	7¼	7¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	48⅜	48⅜
Ford Motor	25⅛	25¼
GTE Corp	34½	34⅝
Gannett	53½	53⅜
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gen Dynamics	46½	46¼
Gen Electric	53½	54¼
Gen Mills	63	62¼
Gen Motors	40⅜	41½
Gen Reinsurance	129¼	129¼
Gen Signal	35⅜	35⅜
Genuine Parts	39⅝	39⅜
Georgia Pac	73½	74
Gillette	83½	82¼
Glaxo ADR	22⅝	22
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44⅝
Goodyear Tire	35	35¼
Grace (W&R)	50⅜	49¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21¼	21¼
Great Wstn Fin	17⅜	18⅜
Halliburton	37⅜	37½
Harcourt General	39¼	39⅜
Heinz (HJ)	39⅝	39¼
Hercules	47	46⅜
Hershey Foods	51½	51¼
Hewlett Packard	120¼	120¼
Hilton Hotels	68⅜	69⅝
Home Depot	46¼	45¼
Homestake Mng	17¼	17¼
Honeywell	37⅝	36¼
Household Intl	42¼	42⅝
Houston Inds	37¼	38¼
Humana	24½	24½
ITT Corp	101⅞	101½
Illinois Tool	45½	44½
Illinova	23⅜	23¼
INCO	26⅛	26¼
Ingersoll Rand	30¼	30¼
Inland Steel	24½	26
Intel Corp	81½	80⅞
IBM	82⅝	82⅜
Intl Flav & Fr	51¼	52
Intl Paper	72¼	71½
James River Va	24⅜	24⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	61½	62⅝
Kellogg	59⅜	59⅝
Kerr-McGee	48⅜	49½
Kimberly-Clark	51⅛	51¼
Kmart	12	12
Knight-Ridder	54¼	54¼
Lilly (Eli)	69	68⅜
Limited Inc	18½	18⅜
Lin Brdcstng	120⅝	121¼
Lincoln Nat	40¼	40¼
Litton	33	33
Liz Claiborne	14¼	14¼
Lockheed Martin	52¼	n/a
Louisiana Pac	26⅜	26¼
MCI Comm	20⅞	20⅜
Marriott Int	34¼	34
Marsh & McLnn	82½	82⅜
Masco Corp	25⅜	25¼
May Dept St	34¼	35¼
Maytag Corp	16¼	16¼
McDonalds	34¼	35¼
McDonnell D	55¼	55⅜
McGraw Hill	70¼	70⅜
Mead Corp	52⅝	52¼
Medtronic	68¼	67½
Mellon Bk	38½	38½
Melville Corp	33¼	33⅜
Merck Inc	44¼	43⅝
Merrill Lynch	43½	44
Minnesota Mine	57¼	57⅜
Mobil Corp	89⅜	89⅜
Monsanto	76⅜	76⅜
Morgan (JP)	60	60¼
Motorola Inc	54¼	55½
Natl Medical	15⅜	15¼
Natl Semi	17	17⅜
Natl Service Ind	27	26¼
Navistar Int	12¼	13
NBD Bancorp	31¼	31¼
NY Times A	21¼	22
Newmont Mng	40⅜	40⅜
Niag Mohawk	13¼	14½
Nike B	75¼	76¼
NL Industries	13	13½
Noram Energy	5⅜	5½
Nordstrom	38¼	39⅜
Norfolk Sthrn	66⅜	67¼
Nthn State Pwr	43⅜	43⅝
Norwest Corp	24¼	23⅝
Nynex Corp	40⅜	40⅜
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅝
Ohio Edison	19½	19¼
Oracle Systems	33⅛	33½

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Owens Corning	35½	35⅜
PPG Industries	35⅜	35⅜
PNC Bank	24⅝	24⅜
Paccar Inc	42¼	42⅜
Pacificorp	19	19¼
Pac Enterprises	24¼	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elec	24⅛	24⅝
Pac Telesis	30	30
Pall Corp	21½	21½
Panhandle East	22¼	22⅜
Parker Hanniffin	44	44⅝
Peco Energy	24⅞	25⅛
Penney (JC)	44⅝	45⅜
Pennzoil	47⅜	47⅜
Pepsico	39⅝	40⅛
Pfizer	85⅜	85⅜
Phelps Dodge	52½	53
Philip Morris	65¼	65⅝
Phillips Pet	34⅞	35⅛
Pitney Bowes	36½	36⅝
Polaroid	33⅜	33
PriceCostco	13	13¼
Procter & Gmbl	69⅜	69¼
Providian	35⅜	35⅜
Pub Serv E & G	27⅜	27⅜
Quaker Oats	33½	33⅝
Ralston Purina	49¼	49⅜
Raychem Corp	40⅞	40⅜
Raytheon	72⅜	72⅜
Reebok Intl	34½	35
Reynolds Metals	48¼	47⅜
Roadway Srvcs	51⅜	51⅜
Rockwell Intl	39⅛	39⅜
Rohm & Haas	53⅜	54
Royal Dutch	117⅞	117⅞
Rubbermaid	33⅛	33⅛
Safeco Corp	55⅝	55⅝
St Paul's Cos	51	50⅝
Salomon Inc	33⅜	34⅛
Santa Fe Pac	22⅝	22⅛
Sara Lee Corp	27⅜	27⅜
Seecorp	15⅜	15⅝
Schering Plough	77	77⅜
Schlumberger	58⅝	58⅜
Scott Paper	84⅝	84⅜
Seagram	30⅜	30⅜
Sears Roebuck	51⅜	51⅝
Shell Trans	69¼	69⅜
Sherwin Wlms	34¼	34⅜
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	34¼	34
Southern Co	20⅜	20⅜
Stwestern Bell	42⅜	42⅜
Sprint Corp	29⅝	29⅜
Stanley Works	39⅜	40
Sun Company	27⅜	27⅜
Sun Microsys	33⅜	33⅜
Suntrust	53⅝	53⅜
Supervalu	26	25⅜
Sysco Corp	27¼	27⅜
TRW Inc	67⅜	67⅜
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	17⅜	17⅜
Tandy Corp	47¼	47⅝
Teledyne	22⅝	22⅜
Temple Inland	45⅜	45
Tenneco	46⅜	46⅜
Texaco	64⅜	64⅜
Texas Inst	88⅜	87⅜
Texas Utilities	30⅜	31½
Textron	54⅜	54
Time Warner	38⅜	38⅜
Times-Mirror A	18½	18⅜
Timken	33⅜	33½
Torchmark	40⅜	40⅜
Toys R Us	25	25⅜
Transamerica	56⅜	56⅜
Travelers	38⅜	38⅜
Tribune	54⅜	54½
Tyco Labs	52½	52½
UST Inc	31½	30⅜
UAL	92⅝	90
USX Marathon	16⅝	16⅝
Unicom	24¼	24⅝
Unilever NV	128	128¼
Union Camp	49⅜	48⅜
Union Carbide	30⅜	30⅜
Union Pacific	53⅜	53½
Unisys Corp	9¼	9⅝
USAIR Group	5¼	5⅝
USF&G Corp	14	14
US Life	36¼	36⅜
US West	40⅜	40⅜
United Tech	66¼	66⅜
Unocal Corp	28⅜	28⅜
Upjohn	35⅜	36⅛
VF Corp	50	50⅜
WMX Tech	27⅜	27⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅜	24⅜
Warner-Lambert	79⅜	78⅜
Wells Fargo	158⅜	159⅜
Westinghouse El	14⅜	14⅜
Weyerhaeuser	37⅜	37¼
Whirlpool	53⅜	53⅜
Whitman	18	18⅜
Winn Dixie	55⅜	56
Woolworth	16¼	16⅜
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46⅝	46⅜
Xerox	117	116⅜

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SHELLSHOCKED Baring Securities staff drank champagne and partied the night away hours before the firm collapsed, according to talk sweeping the colony's financial district. They ran up huge bills in the Captain's Bar at the Mandarin Oriental in a last minute spending spree before the accountants moved in. Staff feared the worst after they were told that a "slight problem" had delayed payment of the annual bonus. They hit the popular watering hole for a Friday night blast on the firm's account. Administrators were appointed the same weekend.

Poachers alert

TALK of imminent defections by dealers and analysts continues to rumble through the expat community, despite covert attempts by UK regulators to keep Barings intact. The Bank of England is understood to have quietly urged local firms to keep their distance, amid speculation about the fate of 450 staff in the colony. Smith New Court in Tokyo has already poached a team of 11 analysts from Baring Securities (Japan). Attention has now focused on the highly regarded Barings Hong Kong research team. Local staff have pledged to stick together while the Bank prepares its report on the collapse. Top sales and research staff are in line for payments of more than HK$2 million each (£160,000), but it is unclear whether the money will compensate for longer term uncertainty. Barings has already lost business to rival firms in Tokyo in the wake of the collapse.

Life boycott

CONCERN is growing over the impact of a reputed boycott by leading UK life offices, including Scottish Amicable and Edinburgh Fund Managers. They are said to have suspended dealings with Baring Securities — in a dispute over holdings in convertible and long-term loan paper.



Cassidy: 'confidence'

In defence

A VISITING City of London delegation has continued to play down the impact of the Baring's collapse. Michael Cassidy, policy chairman at the Corporation of London, told local journalists that the City had proved its worth in tackling the crisis. He said: "A financial centre like London can withstand dense knocks along the way without confidence in the markets coming into question." Mr Cassidy said Hong Kong was likely to remain the major Asian financial centre outside Japan, political events allowing. The main threats were the expense of employing and housing staff, and uncertainty over 1997.

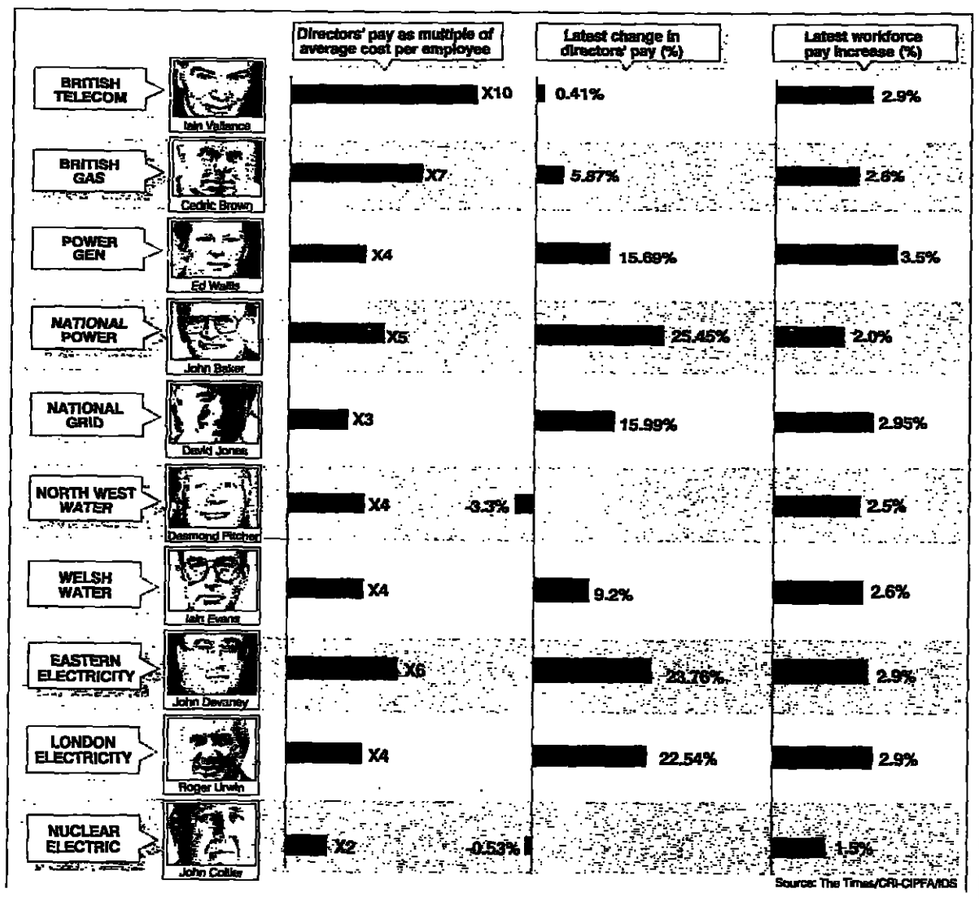
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SEPARATELY, officials at Crédit Lyonnais in Hong Kong say the troubled bank's Asian operations are almost certain to escape calls for up to 1,500 redundancies in the coming year. Europe is expected to bear the brunt of the cuts. Crédit Lyonnais has about 3,000 employees in Asia, 500 of whom are in Hong Kong.

JON ASHWORTH

Top pay row simmers on as power chief faces grilling

Business hopes that the MPs' recess will cool off matters are likely to be dashed, says Philip Bassett



Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, may have eased himself out of the spotlight over his 75 per cent salary rise, but the row over executive pay will be revived today when another privatised utility boss, Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, is publicly grilled about his pay and £1.2million share options package.

Greville Janner, the Labour MP, is due to lead the Commons' all-party Employment Select Committee in questioning Mr Wallis and Sir Colin Southgate, the company's chairman, on their pay — but the row over top salaries is now so sensitive that Conservative MPs on the committee, irritated by the degree of political embarrassment the inquiry into the issue has caused, are set to challenge his chairmanship of it.

As part of their attack on pay, Labour yesterday put down a new clause for tomorrow's Commons report stage on the Government's Job Seekers' Bill, arguing for a new floor on wages aimed at preventing wages being driven down by those seeking to avoid unemployment.

Labour, too, is unlikely to miss the opportunities to keep up the pressure on Mr Brown during the committee stage of the Government's Bill, aimed at opening up the domestic gas market, which starts this morning.

At the same time, company directors' leaders will today try to counter public and government concern about top pay when the Institute of Directors sets out what standards and performance should be expected of directors to justify the rewards they receive.

Although Mr Brown may at least for now be free from further scrutiny of his pay, all this suggests that the issue of the pay levels and increases for top company directors, especially in the privatised utility companies, is still stubbornly refusing to disappear.

Indeed, the letter from the office of Michael Helseltine, President of the Board of Trade, leaked last week by Labour, makes explicit the Government's view that the row will not go away. Cautioning instead that "there are potentially more causes célèbres to be found", it says that the utilities' next round of results, due in June and July, will generate a "good deal of publicity" as the latest salary rises for their executives are revealed.

Given the furore now surrounding the issue, today's appearance by Mr Wallis became inevitable when last month he defended his £400,000 salary and his share-option deal by declaring boldly: "I think I'm worth what I'm paid. Of course, I am." MPs are likely to want to test that statement today.

Inside the privatised utilities themselves, trade union officials report that the companies' workforces have already tested such views — and found them wanting.

Tony Young, joint general-secretary of the CWU, the grouping of communication workers that is the main union at BT, maintains that the public scrutiny of the £667,000 salary of Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, coupled with his supposedly jocular remark about preferring the more "relaxing" job of a junior NHS doctor to his own work, has badly damaged workforce relations. He says: "BT employees resent the fact that since privatisation in 1984, their wages have risen by 80 per cent — while his have risen by 687 per cent. The chairman earns in a week what some of our members earn in a year."

Dave Stirzaker, head of gas for Unison, the public services union, says: "Morale now in British Gas is at rock bottom." Taking account as well of the large-scale job losses stemming from BG's restructuring, he says, "people are concerned about their futures". He adds: "The better-qualified people are getting up and leaving — and that's a bleak future for British Gas."

Donald Macgregor, utilities national secretary for GMB, the general union, who will hold pay talks with his National Power and PowerGen members later this week, says of the row over executive pay rises in the electricity companies, as well as BG, that their managements know it will have an impact. "I think they realise that it will have to be reflected in the negotiations."

In most cases recently, the rises in utility directors' pay has certainly not been reflected in the pay negotiations for the companies' workforces.

Drawing on information provided for *The Times* on directors' pay by the Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries, a specialist arm of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, and on workforce pay by Incomes Data Services, the independent pay research company, the accompanying illustration shows that, in most cases, the increase in directors' average salary costs in key utility examples has far outstripped the most recent workforce rise.

Directors' pay at North West Water, for instance — whose £325,000 chairman, Sir Desmond Pitcher, told MPs on the Employment Committee last month that in his view utility executives' pay was "not a matter for general public debate" — actually fell by 3.3 per cent although under the latest employees' deal, workforce wages went up by 2.5 per cent.

Pay for directors in still state-owned Nuclear Electric also fell marginally, while workforce pay rose by 1.5 per cent in line with the Government's public-sector pay policy. But in most cases, the reverse was starkly true. For instance, between 1992-93 and 1993-94, total pay costs for the 15 directors of National Power rose by more than 25 per cent — but the latest increase for the company's 5,100 workers was just 2 per cent.

Such rises, too, are from an already high base. *The Times* calculations, based on CRI-CIPFA figures, show that average directors' pay costs in key utilities are many times average staff costs.

At Nuclear Electric, where specialised skills push up overall staff costs, the ratio is only 2:1. In the privatised companies, the figures are much higher — and the longer they have been in the private sector, the bigger the pay gap.

At PowerGen, which was privatised in 1991, for instance, with average directors' salary costs at £130,461 and average staff costs at £30,531, it is 4:1. In Mr Brown's British Gas, privatised in 1986, it is now 7:1 — £155,461 to £23,312. In Sir Iain's BT, privatised in 1984, it is now 10:1 — £244,466 to £24,454.

Leaders of the IoD will emphasise today that it is the performance of company directors that justifies their pay levels. Still supporting "world-class" companies, in spite of the Prime Minister dubbing some utility pay rises "distasteful", Mr Heseltine emphasises, too, the value for money for customers. He calculates that the total cost to each British Gas customer of the company's directors is 50p a year, based on the cost being less than 0.1 per cent of turnover. Calculations by *The Times* show similar results for other utilities. BT's directors' costs, for instance, are 0.03 per cent of turnover, PowerGen's and National Power's 0.06 per cent, and North West and Welsh Water's 0.13 and 0.15 per cent respectively.

Critics of the utility bosses' pay increases regard such arguments as pointless, and even many business leaders privately acknowledge that the damage done to the utilities and to industry more broadly by the continuing row over executive pay probably cannot be remedied by such attempts at rebuttal.

Bigger moves may be necessary. Alasdair Simpson, senior employment law partner at Manches, the City-oriented solictor, says that because of the "badly managed but inevitable one-off adjustments" to utility executives' salaries the "campaign which will revolutionise the structure of executive remuneration packages now has unstoppable momentum".

One utility insider even suggests that the only way to deflect the row might be for a number of the companies' chief executives to forgo a pay rise this year — although such a move has not prevented criticism of Sir Iain, who has not had a BT pay rise since 1993.

Unstoppable momentum is probably right, as Mr Wallis is likely to find today during his turn in the hot seat of room 16 on the Commons committee corridor.

Business hopes that the Easter recess will cool off matters are likely to prove in vain, with attention then certain to switch fully to the CBI's committee on executive pay chaired by Sir Richard Greenbury, the £691,000 Marks & Spencer boss. Mr Heseltine's privatised utility "causes célèbres" are likely to find themselves uncomfortably celebrated for some time yet.

Clouds cast shadow over rail bazaar

Ross Tieman keeps track of the dismemberment of British Rail

Britain's great railway bazaar is wide open for business. Bids are in to build the £2.7 billion Channel Tunnel rail link, the first eight franchises are under the hammer, proposals for a £1 billion upgrade of the West Coast Main Line are being solicited and about 20 support operations, from maintenance to Red Star parcels, will be sold off by the end of next month.

The new voice amid the hawkers' chorus yesterday was that of Roger Mountford, a director of Hambros Bank. His offering: three rolling-stock leasing companies, estimated value £1 billion to £1.5 billion.

Putting any kind of value on assets in this bazaar is tricky. No ready market exists in second-hand railways. Moreover, the dismemberment of British Rail into 60 inter-dependent companies makes it impossible to assess the attractions of any business on the basis of its past record. If ever there were a pig-in-a-poke sale, it is this one. Neither the Government, nor its advisors, are doing much to shed light into the dingier corners of their stalls. In typical bazaar fashion, discussions are being conducted in little huddles among advisors and prospective clients. The process involves an invitation to pre-qualify, like that published for the rolling stock companies (Rosco) yesterday. Those who file details on April 21 will be invited to make non-binding offers for one Rosco in July. The winners will be announced by the end of the year.

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Financial information published yesterday is scanty. There is no mention of asset values. Filings at Companies House show simply that the companies are capitalised at £100 million each. Would-be buyers, however, are likely to focus on the discounted cash flow available from the leases, of eight to ten years' duration, put in place by Hambros between the Roscos and their customers, the 25 train-operating companies that will run services under franchise agreements.

Three Roscos have been created, and BR's passenger trains and locomotives divided between them. The largest, Angel Train Contracts, will own 3,755 rail coaches, locomotives and power units. Its portfolio of electric and diesel train sets will generate rental income of £290 million in the year to end-March 1995, falling to about £250 million at the end of eight years, and levelling off at about £150 million for the final two years.

The lease income streams reflect the Government's plan to let the first train-operating franchises, covering 51 per cent of services for seven years from April 1996. The ten-year contracts cover franchises operating the remaining 49 per cent of services. This appears to suggest the Government does not now believe franchising of all the train operating routes can be completed until April 1998.

Porterbrook, the second largest Rosco, also has a mixed fleet of diesel and electric trains totalling 3,443 units. These are expected to generate income of £264 million this year, falling gradually in a similar pattern to that of Angel. The third company, Eversholt, has an all-electric fleet generating initial incomes of £243 million a year. Trains are reckoned to have a 30-year life-span. The average age of the portfolios is about 17 years. Because the Government has concentrated recent railway investment on rolling stock, where voters can see it, a good proportion of the assets is under eight years old. But an excessive number of coaches are more than 30-years-old.

About 68 per cent of the companies' rolling stock has been leased for eight to ten years. The revenue stream is therefore well protected. Maintenance contracts, which account for a large proportion of ongoing costs, last for four or less.

Hambro has put a considerable effort into selling these assets. Already, 373 companies considered possible buyers have been approached, including 98 in the UK. Of the rest, 101 are in Europe, 112 in North America and 42 in Japan. These include train-makers, leasing groups, and bankers.

But the regulatory, political and financial clouds that overshadow this dingy bazaar will make it difficult to realise a decent price.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyds advised me to go Girobank

From Mr Leslie James

Sir, I was interested to read about Graham Mason's problems with Lloyds Bank and cash deposits, (Business News, March 14) as I had a similar problem a few years ago.

I was invited into the manager's office to discuss my bank charges and after the preliminary repartée about the state of my business he then went on to explain how the cash I was paying in to the Bank was very expensive to handle and how my charges would need to be increased to cover the handling charges. I was given the standard check, store, transport and security costs explanation.

I was then astounded to hear my bank manager advise me to bank all my cash with Girobank. I have since taken his advice and now bank all my cash into a Girobank account which is much cheaper although of course adds to my workload as I need to run two bank accounts.

My dismay at the policy of Lloyds was added to when they asked me to let them know the date I was to stop sending in my cash, as it would be necessary for them to order some in from another branch to cover the loss of my bankings. Who, I ask, pays all the check, store, transport and security costs on that money?

Yours faithfully,
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Information rule

From Mr A. L. Cole

Sir, I had cause to write to the chairman of a plc recently and he has replied as follows:

"I am afraid that under the present regime the Stock Exchange expects a considerable amount of information and does not always seem concerned that the same information should be made available directly to the shareholders."

How true! I would also be interested to know why the Stock Exchange does not consider briefings plcs give to investment houses, stockbrokers, merchant banks etc do not fall within the mischief of that section of the law which deals with "insider information".

Yours faithfully,
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Shiplake, Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.

Benefits of smoking

From Ms Josephine Stevens

Sir, One of your correspondents (March 7) complains that he can have no confidence in a chain-smoking Governor of the Bank of England. Doesn't he realise that smoking has been scientifically proved to enhance concentration?

I'd rather have a Governor who was a smoker than a drinker any day.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE STEVENS,
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Denham, Middlesex.

Accountants 'can damage your wealth'

From the National Officer, The Bankruptcy Association of Great Britain and Ireland

Sir, Your article today (March 15) under the heading "Blacklist" quotes new guidance for members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants as saying: "One of the best ways to avoid clients or potential clients becoming a problem is not to take them on in the first place."

Considering the number of people approaching us for advice on bankruptcy because of poor, if not downright incorrect, advice given to them by members of that body, may I suggest those going into business should be issued with a different warning along the lines of: "Beware of accountants — they can damage your wealth!"

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Deadline nears for NatWest essay competition

AS THE deadline for the NatWest/*The Times* Business Ethics Essay Competition draws near, the question of ethics in business seems to be never very far from the headlines.

Executive pay, pollution, the regulation of electricity prices and compensation for the mis-selling of pension transfers are as important as the evidence to the recent hearings of the Nolan Committee into ethical standards in public life.

The Times has joined NatWest Group in establishing an essay competition to give students a forum to discuss whether ethical standards are today lower than in previous generations and what the role of commerce should be.

The competition is open to all undergraduates and has a first prize of £3,000, and runners up prizes of £2,000 and £1,000.

All three prizes will be matched with awards to the universities that the winning students attend of £3,000, £2,000 and £1,000.

Students have until March 31 to write and submit an essay of 1,200 words on the subject: "Can a competitive business be ethical?"

Details are available from NatWest university branches or by telephoning the bank on its freefone number 0800 200 400.

The judges of the competition are Derek Wanless, group chief executive of NatWest Group; Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*; Rabbi Julia Neuberger, chairman of Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust; Jack Mahoney, Dixon's Professor of Business Ethics and Social Responsibility, London Business School; and John Drummond, managing director of Integrity Works, the consultancy.

NatWest said: "Business ethics is a hot subject. Scandals in business, political and public life are leading to a greater awareness and public concern about standards of behaviour."

The competition is intended to open up the debate as to what are the responsibilities of businesses.

Shareholders and customers want to know more about the ethical stance of the companies in which they have an interest.

Some companies now publish an alternative set of "social accounts," to give extra information to investors and customers. Now it is the turn of future employees to help set the agenda. The winning essay will be published in *The Times*.

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High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.10	133.80†	- 0.40	7.97
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Worldwide Bond	271.30	288.00†	+ 0.80	5.28
Capital Growth				
American Growth	280.20	300.20	+ 3.10	.60
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Assets & Earnings	248.20	264.00	+ 1.20	3.04
Cmmdty & Energy	94.94	101.00†	+ 0.10	.13
Euro Capital Inc	130.10	139.10	+ 0.70	.70
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General	221.40	235.50†	+ 0.40	2.31
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Mastertrust	133.50	142.80	+ 0.60	1.83
UK Growth Dist	109.60	117.20	+ 0.30	3.17
US Emerging Cos	129.30	138.30	+ 1.00	
Income & Growth	369.30	392.90	+ 0.50	3.18
Ethical	64.02	68.11	+ 0.07	3.16
International	106.60	113.40	+ 0.20	1.02
Dividend & Growth	57.56	61.22	+ 0.03	4.59
Global Gwth & Sec	66.58	70.99	- 0.30	2.55
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.25	£16.58		
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Amer Inc & Growth	43.84	45.51	+ 0.02	0.68
Cash	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.02	5.83
Emerging Mkts	61.74	65.36	+ 0.53	0.05
European	106.70	111.60†	- 0.40	...
Exempt	915.70	983.40	+ 8.90	1.89
Extra Income #	43.75	45.83†	+ 0.11	6.44
Far East Emg Ecn	106.20	112.60	+ 0.80	0.55
Fixed Interest #	21.58	22.66†		9.13
Fund Inv Tst	152.80	160.70	- 0.40	1.05
Japan	168.30	176.80	- 0.10	
Latin American	42.07	44.15	- 0.31	1.10
Pacific	68.09	71.81	+ 0.71	0.37
Property Share	59.29	62.24	+ 0.21	2.19
UK Emerging Cos	59.27	62.21	+ 0.09	1.99
UK Growth	42.42	44.92	+ 0.34	2.61
Aber World Port #	69.30	70.31	+ 0.39	2.33
Ethical	59.39	62.35	- 0.29	2.82
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.84	48.84†	- 0.03	7.66
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth	67.12	71.40†	+ 0.22	3.00
British Income	79.09	83.07†	+ 0.27	3.79
Select Portfolio	81.19	86.37†	- 0.20	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.52	75.88†	+ 0.43	2.57
Income Builder Inc	65.34	69.51	+ 0.45	2.99
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	221.20	236.40	+ 2.30	3.30
Capital	385.70	412.30	+ 3.30	2.01
Balanced	651.00	695.90†	+ 7.50	2.86
Accumulator	£12.03	£12.86	+14.00	3.15
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.38	50.64†	+ 0.21	3.52
High Income	373.10	398.80†	+ 4.40	3.82
Equity Income	211.30	225.80	+ 2.20	3.69
High Yield	229.10	244.90	+ 2.30	3.55
Gov't Securities	32.97	34.80†	+ 0.04	6.09
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	144.40	154.30†	+ 0.40	0.45
European Growth	33.09	35.28	+ 0.05	0.01
International	149.90	160.20†	+ 0.30	0.21
Japan	183.70	195.80	- 2.10	0.01
Pacific	351.90	376.10	- 1.50	0.01
Secs of America	425.40	452.30†	- 2.10	0.51
Wwide Asset Val	45.31	48.43	- 0.02	0.25
Specialty Trusts				
Asset Value	500.40	534.90†	+ 5.80	2.29
Com & Gilt	41.03	43.86†	- 0.22	5.29
Smaller Cos	155.90	166.60	+ 0.10	1.33
2nd Smaller Cos	147.80	157.90†	+ 0.10	1.64
Recovery	129.80	138.70	- 0.80	1.89
Met Min & Cmy	140.20	149.80	- 0.50	0.79
Overs Earnings	333.60	356.60†	- 2.60	1.89
Technology	158.80	169.50	- 0.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	431.30	461.00†	- 4.20	1.68
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Charities Ord Pens	95.31	99.02		3.04
Frameworks Pens	59.32	61.63		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	69.29	73.71	+ 1.01	1.90
International	60.46	64.32		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	263.80	284.70	+ 2.00	
Bond	110.60	116.40	- 0.30	7.16
Brit Smlr Cos	91.84	97.70	+ 0.70	1.90
Corp & Gen #	61.67	65.61†	+ 0.09	6.00
Europe	209.60	223.70	- 1.40	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	95.51	101.60	- 0.60	0.60
Income Gwth	320.40	340.90†	+ 1.80	4.58
Japan	278.80	298.00	- 2.40	
Latin America	54.24	57.70	- 0.41	
Pacific	98.61	104.90	+ 1.80	1.48
UK Smlr Cos	49.29	52.44	+ 0.09	1.45
Japan Fd	622.10	641.00†	- 3.80	
Mngd Fd	166.50	177.10	+ 0.80	3.18
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Ocean	271.90	286.40		1.29
Capital Gwth	105.40	110.90		2.42
Wwide Opps	168.30	177.20		0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	329.10	342.80	+ 1.30	3.25
European Bal Inc	87.78	90.91	+ 0.06	7.88
Exempt	70.58	75.28	+ 0.15	4.45
Financial	71.47	76.43	+ 0.29	3.0
500.0	411.80	440.40†	+ 0.60	2.82
General	256.70	275.10†	+ 0.40	3.84
Property	243.40	254.60		6.54
Trustee	171.80	183.80	+ 0.50	2.83
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	5.45
Extra Income	112.00	119.80	+ 0.30	4.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.85	57.71†	- 0.15	8.91
Income	490.30	524.30	+ 1.20	4.37
Income Builder	58.23	62.06†	+ 0.09	5.17
Intl Income	58.98	62.74	+ 0.42	3.84
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.80	119.30†	+ 0.40	2.74
Leisure	114.90	122.90	+ 0.30	1.74
Recovery	392.70	419.50	+ 1.30	3.03
Smllr Cos Inc	40.95	43.92	- 0.11	2.33
Special Sits	266.50	285.00	+ 0.30	1.89
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	125.80	133.20	+ 1.10	0.81
Aust Acc	222.50	238.70	- 3.60	2.27
Aust Inc	136.90	145.80	- 2.30	2.27
Euro Gwth Inc	143.50	152.30	+ 0.70	1.27
(Accum Units)	153.50	162.90	+ 0.70	1.27
Japan & Gen Inc	159.30	168.70†	- 0.80	
(Accum Units)	161.20	170.80	- 0.70	
Japan Spec Sits	72.45	76.75	- 0.72	
Univ Tech Inc	75.87	80.63	+ 0.18	0.08
Worldwide	158.90	168.60	+ 0.90	1.07
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	91.04	96.49	- 0.18	
Amer Smlr Cos	126.00	135.00	- 0.30	
Convertibles	51.37	55.68†	- 0.01	5.70
Eastern	253.30	273.80	+ 4.00	0.30
Equity Income	82.85	89.28	+ 0.52	4.90
European Growth	285.40	302.50	- 0.80	0.80
Europe	213.50	227.00	- 1.00	0.20
German Growth	72.14	76.43	- 1.18	0.50
Global Bond	61.90	65.19	- 0.12	8.20
Global Growth	118.10	125.90	+ 0.10	
Japan Growth	176.10	187.40	- 1.50	
Japan Sunrise	148.10	157.20	- 0.09	
Korea Trust	77.28	85.45	+ 1.56	
Portfolio	122.70	131.40†	+ 0.80	1.80
(Accum Units)	225.80	241.70	+ 1.00	1.80
UK Growth	78.81	84.53	+ 0.60	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	75.59	82.45	+ 0.13	1.80
Select Managers	70.81	75.89	+ 0.25	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	69.18	73.60		
Special Oppor Inc	51.21	54.48†		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6620				
Balanced Growth	100.63	106.48	+ 0.27	1.97
(Accum Units)	113.12	119.71	+ 0.31	1.97
Smaller Cos	97.47	103.14	- 0.22	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.46	44.93	+ 0.06	4.76
American Gth Inc	71.40	75.56†	+ 0.11	...
European Growth	123.87	131.08†	- 1.17	...
(Accum Units)	126.31	133.66	- 1.20	...
Global Bond Inc #	26.30	27.25		8.29
Mngd Ptflio Inc	39.17	41.43†	- 0.02	1.54
(Accum Units)	39.92	42.23	+ 0.02	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	106.12	112.29	+ 0.63	...
Pacific Grth	112.04	118.56	+ 1.10	...
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UK General #	71.24	75.38	+ 0.18	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.95	77.19	+ 0.18	3.73
Japan	54.33	57.49†	- 0.04	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.67	95.92†	- 0.26	7.99
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	62.32	63.12†	- 0.08	6.48
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	147.59	157.00	+ 0.20	1.90
UK Growth	159.10	169.30†	+ 0.60	2.52
UK Income	126.90	135.00	+ 0.10	4.65
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	178.20	189.90	+ 1.60	2.10
-do- Income Dist	103.80	110.10	+ 0.50	4.54
(Accum Units)	313.40	332.20	+ 1.30	4.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.83	41.16†	- 0.14	6.61
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0181 238 5685 Enq 0181 238 5685 Dlg 0181 238 5382				
American & Gen	150.90	160.60†	+ 0.80	
European Inc	74.73	79.13	+ 0.10	0.58
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.34	80.15†	- 0.03	2.22
Growth	396.90	422.30†	+ 2.70	2.68
Income & Growth	383.80	408.30	+ 2.70	4.20
Income	547.70	582.70	+ 3.90	4.20
Japan & Gen	64.90	68.87†	- 0.55	
Master Portfolio	£95.96	£99.57	+45.00	2.23
(Accum Units)	£114.50	£118.79	+54.00	2.23
Special Sits	91.00	96.81	+ 0.66	2.82
High Yield	£12.51	£12.90	+ 7.00	4.64
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.35	84.86	+ 0.85	2.58
American Portfolio	80.85	86.71	+ 0.26	1.20
European Portfolio	91.29	97.28	- 0.81	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	59.88	63.62†	- 0.12	...
Pacific Portfolio	127.94	137.57	+ 1.31	0.65
UK Inc & Growth	72.94	77.85	+ 0.51	3.42
Utility & Bond	52.42	55.06	+ 0.13	7.21
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	636.50	638.80		4.87
Fxd Int Sec	145.85	146.00		9.03
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 6000				
UK General Tst	88.54	94.40	+ 0.52	3.11
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	625.05	625.22		4.97
Accum	£39.80	£26.98		...
Fixed Int Inc	119.00	119.18		9.73
Fixed Int Acc	187.15	187.60		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	104.95	113.77		
UK Income	100.63	109.72		5.46
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	75.16	80.68		1.50
Beck Bio-Tech	25.87	28.80		
Acorn Ethical Tst	139.84	147.20		0.73
City Fin Assets	65.08	69.23	+ 1.51	1.30
City Fin America	84.33	88.77		
City Fin Intl	70.67	74.39		0.98
City Fin Japan	149.92	156.80		
Frans Hse Cap	259.45	300.38	+ 6.08	1.76
Frans Hse Inc	184.92	200.69	+ 3.19	4.30
Buckley Wrld Gth	114.85	121.97†		0.10
Fairmnt Cap Gth	127.67	135.82		
Fairmont Intl	139.19	148.07		
City Fr+ Pdla Inc	51.58	55.30		4.45
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.48	53.56	+ 0.26	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.34	61.33	+ 0.17	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.28	36.66	- 0.02	0.56
Dragon Growth	61.91	66.21	+ 0.46	.64
Equity High Inc	77.94	82.92†	+ 0.66	4.34
(Accum Units)	105.62	112.38	+ 0.89	4.34
European Gwth	48.65	51.78	- 0.02	1.11
Evergreen	26.63	28.48	- 0.01	
General Equity	80.07	84.96	+ 0.66	2.95
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.11	25.30	- 0.07	8.27
Japan Growth	46.67	49.91	- 0.23	
Pedigree Gwth	48.07	51.14	+ 0.38	2.92
Ped Sm Cos Inc	28.20	30.00	- 0.09	1.50
(Accum Units)	29.30	31.17	+ 0.10	1.50
Retirement Inc #	24.27	25.82	+ 0.16	6.21
Special Sits	35.52	37.79	+ 0.29	2.24
UK & Overseas	45.01	47.88	+ 0.08	1.48
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	65.22	69.14†	- 0.45	2.30
Income	58.95	62.49†	+ 0.28	4.22
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds:				
Equity Inc	150.50	160.11	- 1.14	5.97
Fixed & Convertible	38.27	40.71	- 0.05	7.55
Monthly Inc Plus	46.18	49.13	- 0.09	9.12
Preference Share	44.97	47.84	- 0.04	7.72
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	114.63	122.16	- 0.90	7.63
Managed Fund	64.75	68.88	+ 0.20	3.06
UK Growth Funds:				
Smaller Cos	35.77	38.06	- 0.01	1.78
(Accum Units)	40.92	43.53	- 0.02	1.78
UK & General	75.41	80.22	- 0.75	2.76
(Accum Units)	94.39	100.41	- 0.95	2.76
UK Growth	136.18	144.87	- 1.03	2.35
International Growth Funds:				
Europe Growth	178.42	189.81	- 0.09	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	117.50	125.00	- 0.03	
Global Bond	78.08	82.95	- 0.34	6.11
Japan Growth	108.04	114.94	- 1.65	
North Amer Grth	166.37	176.99	- 0.56	
Oriental Growth	70.06	74.53	- 0.65	
Worldwide Growth	61.66	65.60	+ 0.07	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.27	93.27	- 0.04	6.03
Homeowner Fund	74.37	79.12†	- 0.28	1.91
Quilter Fund	121.39	129.14†	- 0.91	2.51
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.27	58.79	+ 0.46	3.40
(Accum Units)	59.85	63.66	+ 0.50	3.40
High Income	32.43	34.50	+ 0.17	4.90
Japan	32.96	35.06	- 0.27	0.0
Smaller Cos Inc	28.36	30.17	- 0.01	2.80
Smaller Cos	30.04	31.95	- 0.01	2.80
North America	32.16	34.21	- 0.16	0.70
European	35.54	37.80	- 0.08	0.80
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	28.61	30.73†		3.61
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.60	143.20	+ 0.20	2.16
Income	64.50	68.62	+ 0.30	5.21
European	58.17	61.89	- 0.27	0.99
Recovery	144.90	154.20†	+ 2.60	2.37
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	774.00	787.20		3.78
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 270				
Fellowship Tst	69.55	73.99	- 0.46	1.33
Income #	227.20	241.60	- 1.40	4.81
(Accum Units) #	559.50	595.20	- 3.50	4.81
Smaller Cos	148.90	158.30	- 0.10	0.61
(Accum Units)	181.90	193.50	- 0.20	0.61
Inv Portfolio	74.94	79.72†	+ 0.12	1.50
High Inc Port #	65.45	69.62	- 0.43	4.98
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.04	£15.41		
Japan Small Cos	£11.50	£11.73		
UK Small Cos	£16.50	£17.24		
US Small Cos	£15.56	£16.05		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	186.80	198.70	...	3.20
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	263.30	278.90		1.00
New Asia	196.60	209.50	+ 2.20	0.16
Japan Growth	107.30	114.40	- 1.00	
Jap Smllr Co	433.60	461.10	- 2.60	
Nth Amer	263.40	279.20	+ 2.00	0.85
Shtlnd Asia Pac Mk	111.80	117.50	+ 1.00	0.39
UK Inc & Grth	202.70	216.30	+ 2.00	3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	133.30	141.80	+ 0.30	1.89
UK High Inc Inc	142.30	151.40	+ 0.40	4.76
(Accum Units)	182.30	193.90	+ 0.50	4.76
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.43	59.88	- 0.16	5.23
Envrnmtl Opps	80.89	86.05	+ 0.23	1.09
UK Smlr Cos #	47.15	50.16	+ 0.01	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 626				
American	120.40	127.70	- 0.80	1.37
Convertibles #	19.51	20.73†	+ 0.06	8.75
Equity Income #	118.10	125.50†	+ 1.10	4.22
EuroFund	43.28	45.95	- 0.18	0.44
Financial	41.41	44.00	+ 0.28	1.70
Growth & Inc #	220.40	234.20	+ 2.00	3.29
High Dist #	145.70	154.80	+ 1.20	4.84
International	357.50	379.80	+ 0.80	0.13
Inv Cap Inc	87.74	93.86	- 0.54	2.04
Latin American	23.79	25.26	- 0.51	
Pacific	73.19	77.76	+ 0.35	
Preference Share	20.79	22.09	+ 0.05	7.47
Tokyo	200.30	212.80	- 2.00	
UK Smaller Cos	209.50	222.80	+ 0.80	1.24
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 342 0242				
Ecoa Trust	194.16	207.24	- 3.52	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	186.20	198.10		1.05
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
Equitable	76.59	80.62	+ 0.09	1.86
Ethical Tst	40.88	43.03	+ 0.04	1.42
Far Eastern	277.25	291.84	- 0.04	2.15
High Income	124.11	130.64	+ 1.24	5.09
Intl Growth	110.20	116.00†	+ 0.25	1.39
North American	108.42	114.13	- 0.09	1.34
Pelican	110.79	116.62	+ 1.27	3.47
Smaller Cos	62.01	65.27	- 0.17	3.19
Special Sits	61.38	65.67	+ 0.11	2.96
Tst of Inv Tsts	168.43	177.28†	+ 0.45	1.81
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	187.67	195.49	+ 0.77	1.50
Smaller Cos Acc	328.38	342.06	+ 1.33	1.50
Recovery	47.10	49.06	- 0.07	1.45
Recovery Acc	47.69	49.58	- 0.08	1.45
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	108.33	115.24	- 0.01	5.03
Capital Growth	75.38	80.84	+ 0.31	
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.05	43.79	+ 0.12	0.66
High Income #	39.79	42.64	- 0.03	10.79
Warrant	47.28	51.39†	+ 0.14	
Zero Preference	36.72	38.96	+ 0.19	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.31	77.98	+0.340	2.98
Family Income Tst	42.18	42.18	- 0.03	6.86
Family Trust	79.79	84.88	+0.320	1.58
United Charities	240.80	262.50	- 0.20	4.22
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.53	26.63†	- 0.05	7.60
Intl Bond	28.47	29.53	+ 0.02	5.17
Income Funds				
High Income	22.77	23.96†	+ 0.01	5.26
Income Plus	102.90	109.50†	+ 0.60	4.22
Amer Eq Inc	46.08	48.75	+ 0.13	1.95
European Income	39.87	42.50†	- 0.21	1.85
Far East Inc	80.92	84.76	- 0.06	2.41
Global Convertible	21.56	23.00†	+ 0.06	3.61
UK Div Gth	22.98	24.44†	+ 0.18	1.95
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.25	60.01	+ 0.39	
American	237.30	251.30	+ 0.90	...
Amer Spec Sits	114.80	121.70	+ 0.30	...
Japan Smaller Cos	34.68	37.00†	- 0.21	
European	160.20	170.40	- 0.80	
European Opps	59.48	63.25	- 0.19	
Global Priv	23.12	24.59	+ 0.01	0.92
UK Growth	85.42	90.83	+ 0.40	
Growth & Inc	133.80	142.30	+ 1.90	2.29
Intl PEP	35.02	37.24	+ 0.14	...
Japan Spec Sits	84.15	89.56	- 0.31	...
Japan	175.40	186.80	- 0.80	
Managed Intl	259.80	276.70†		
Moneybuilder	48.84	53.00	+ 0.18	
Recovery	45.15	48.01†		
South E Asia	142.30	151.80	+ 0.90	
Special Sits	477.10	507.30	+ 0.60	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.61	108.61	+ 0.04	5.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	126.80	129.70†		1.98
Inc Ptflo #	80.87	82.49†	+ 0.45	3.48
Cap Ptflo	133.98	136.30	+ 0.60	1.32
General Opps	114.60	116.80		3.59
Growth Inc	38.93	39.52	+ 0.24	1.82
Private Portfolio	377.00	385.50†		1.36
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.30	113.40	- 0.10	0.37
Emrg Asian	156.90	166.70	+ 1.00	
High Income	20.76	22.01†	+ 0.12	10.22
Hypo Income	86.64	92.75	+ 0.01	3.39
UK Growth	101.80	108.90	+ 0.80	1.97
UK Income	101.70	108.40	+ 0.50	3.89
US Smaller Cos	295.80	316.40	+ 0.30	0.15
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.52	47.87	+ 0.23	3.40
-do- Inv Tst Inc	69.45	73.03†	+ 0.32	3.79
Intl Growth	63.41	66.68		...
Investment Trust	83.08	87.36†	+ 0.15	
UK Smaller Cos	77.08	81.06	+ 0.42	1.01
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.38	59.19†	+ 0.22	
(Accum Units)	55.95	59.19†	+ 0.22	
Amer Smllr Cos	472.40	505.20	+ 8.10	...
(Accum Units)	482.70	516.30	+ 8.30	
Capital Tst	281.40	299.30†	+ 1.00	1.61
(Accum Units)	404.60	430.90†	+ 1.30	1.61
Cont Smllr Cos	57.87	61.95	- 0.08	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.89	65.14	- 0.09	0.50
Convertible	118.70	126.20	+ 0.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	239.70	254.90	+ 0.20	5.87
Emerging Markets	61.25	65.43	+ 0.49	...
(Accum Units)	61.31	65.49	+ 0.40	
European	113.98	120.70	- 0.10	0.14
(Accum Units)	119.30	126.40	- 0.20	0.14
Extra Income	312.10	331.90	+ 1.50	4.07
(Accum Units)	469.70	498.50	+ 2.20	4.07
Financial	116.70	125.60	+ 0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	122.90	132.40	+ 0.40	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.61	63.54	- 0.32	6.37
(Accum Units)	86.04	88.73	- 0.44	6.37
Health Fund Inc	133.60	142.60	+ 0.80	
(Accum Units)	133.50	142.80	+ 0.80	
Income & Growth	180.00	191.50	+ 1.50	3.32
(Accum Units)	271.80	289.10	+ 2.10	3.32
Intl Growth	340.30	364.20	+ 0.10	
(Accum Units)	377.90	404.40	+ 0.10	
Japan & Gen	158.20	167.00†	- 0.60	
(Accum Units)	157.80	168.70†	+ 0.60	
Monthly Inc	151.70	161.30†	+ 0.60	4.17
Managed Port Inc	98.04	103.20	+ 0.20	1.49
(Accum Units)	104.00	109.50	+ 0.30	1.49
Quarterly Income	49.89	53.08†	+ 0.12	4.78
(Accum Units)	53.56	56.97†	+ 0.15	4.78
Recovery	318.80	340.90	- 0.20	0.13
(Accum Units)	375.30	401.30	- 0.20	0.13
UK Growth	51.56	55.09	+ 0.52	2.79
(Accum Units)	53.33	56.98	+ 0.53	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	109.90	117.50	+ 1.10	0.0
FP Asian Growth	236.00	253.00	+ 2.10	0.0
FP Equity Dist	363.40	386.50	+ 1.10	2.86
-do- Accum	767.40	818.30	+ 2.40	2.86
FP Euro Gth Dist	140.20	149.10†	+ 0.40	0.67
-do- Accum	146.10	155.40†	+ 0.40	0.67
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.40	134.60†	- 0.30	7.45
-do- Accum	236.00	250.00†	- 0.60	7.45
FP Intl Bond	55.43	58.82	+ 0.10	6.57
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.30	92.87	+ 0.46	0.78
-do- Accum	91.40	97.23	+ 0.48	0.78
FP Nth Amer Dist	184.20	195.10	+ 1.80	1.12
-do- Accum	203.00	215.00	+ 2.00	1.12
FP Pac Basin Dist	288.70	307.10	+ 2.10	0.28
-do- Accum	294.60	313.30	+ 2.10	0.28
FP Income	51.37	54.79	+ 0.38	5.32
(Accum Units)	166.30	177.30	+ 1.20	5.32
FP Jap Smllr Cos	302.60	322.70	- 3.90	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.00	72.57†	+ 0.26	6.11
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		6.25
FP Tokyo	79.53	84.82	- 0.66	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.52	37.17	+ 0.26	2.05
FP UK Growth	162.30	173.10	+ 1.40	2.94
(Accum Units)	314.20	335.10	+ 2.70	2.94
Stewardship Dist	310.80	330.80	+ 0.70	2.14
-do- Accum	380.10	404.30	+ 0.90	2.14
Stwdshp Inc Dist	66.42	70.65†	+ 0.25	3.86
-do- Accum	86.15	91.64†	+ 0.32	3.86
N Am Stshp Dist	94.47	100.50	+ 1.40	0.77
-do- Accum	100.40	106.80	+ 1.50	0.77
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	102.20	108.70†	+ 0.50	1.03
Open Cap Gth Acc	102.90	109.40†	+ 0.60	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	98.89	105.20	+ 0.60	2.46
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.30	107.70	+ 0.60	2.46
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	100.80	107.20	+ 0.60	3.10
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.30	109.80	+ 0.40	3.10
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.07	47.94	+ 0.42	1.15
Australian	294.80	316.30	- 2.40	0.0
European	195.20	207.60	- 0.10	0.74
(Accum Units)	211.10	224.50	- 0.20	0.74
Gold	44.31	47.39	- 0.47	0.0
Intl	30.24	32.27†	+ 0.08	0.97
(Accum Units)	43.86	46.80	+ 0.11	0.97
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 1067				
GANDA	224.60	237.50	+ 0.50	2.60
Cash	49.53	50.27†	+ 0.02	5.29
Growth Portfolio	72.38	76.72	- 0.03	1.07
Income Portfolio	80.36	83.83†	+ 0.13	4.83
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	168.20	179.90	+ 1.90	1.56
Dividend	82.94	88.71	- 0.52	3.84
Intl Gth & Inc	209.30	223.80	+ 0.10	3.25
UK & Gen	41.19	44.05†	+ 0.05	2.52
Fund of Funds	59.24	63.36†	+ 0.46	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	178.30	190.70	+ 1.30	
European	520.40	556.60†	- 3.20	0.36
Far East & Gen	227.70	243.60	+ 0.10	
Germany	113.20	119.90	- 1.30	
Income Inc	142.50	152.40†	+ 0.60	4.80
(Accum Units)	153.90	164.60	+ 0.70	4.80
International	292.40	312.70†	+ 0.60	
Intl Income	78.32	83.09	+ 0.22	4.08
Japan & General	364.60	387.70	- 2.10	
Korean Securities	64.98	69.50	+ 1.45	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	40.89	43.74	- 0.10	5.49
UK Capital Inc	153.20	163.90†	+ 1.00	1.16
UK Capital Acc	267.80	286.50	+ 1.50	1.16
UK Spec Sits	74.65	79.84	+ 0.38	0.77
US & General	135.20	143.80	+ 0.50	
Wwide Spec Sits	132.70	142.00	+ 0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.05	48.15†	+ 0.51	2.60
Cash Trust	137.00	137.00†	+ 0.04	4.82
Practical Inv Inc #	108.12	115.64†	+ 0.29	3.55
(Accum Units) #	247.17	264.35†	+ 0.67	3.55
UK Index	140.55	141.97†	+ 1.17	3.47
UK Smaller Cos	114.40	122.35	- 0.06	1.11
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.99	25.86	+ 0.01	9.35
High Income	31.18	33.33†	+ 0.06	5.34
UK Equity Income	126.05	134.82†	+ 0.79	3.58
Global Bond	28.01	29.02†	- 0.01	5.41
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	41.85	44.78	+ 1.38	
Global Inc & Gth	124.68	132.68	- 0.03	2.60
Gold & Intl Res	99.05	105.94	- 0.11	
Global Utilities	119.46	128.13	+ 0.59	1.20
Overseas Funds				
American	139.85	149.10	+ 0.05	1.24
European	96.31	102.21†		1.31
Euro Sml Opps	133.31	146.27†	- 0.58	
Amer Emerging	96.08	102.76	- 0.53	...
Hong Kong	128.17	137.27†	+ 1.22	1.73
Japan	217.67	231.30	- 1.96	
Pacific Growth	200.51	214.45	+ 1.85	1.49
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	202.57	202.57	+ 1.25	2.21
Long Term Bal	222.38	222.38	+ 0.98	3.37
Med Term Bal	191.48	191.48	+ 0.50	3.82
UK Equity	231.70	231.70	+ 2.46	2.63
UK Emerging Cos	130.80	130.80	+ 0.65	2.40
American	230.32	230.32†	+ 0.28	1.62
Japan	107.10	107.10†	- 0.71	
European	250.17	250.17†	- 0.02	1.27
Index Linked Gilt	166.60	166.60	- 0.20	3.00
Fixed Interest	154.76	154.76	- 0.77	6.82
Amer Emerging	249.66	249.68†	- 0.86	0.19
Pacific	216.93	216.93	+ 2.26	0.95
Emerging Mkts	110.09	110.09†	- 0.10	0.66
Index Shrs Japan	140.87	140.87	- 0.66	0.32
-do- Pacific Rim	171.36	171.36	+ 1.47	1.35
-do- Cont Europe	145.10	145.10	- 0.11	1.90
Index Shrs USA	133.25	133.25	+ 0.35	2.33
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	95.53	101.63	+ 0.63	
Med Term Bal	91.03	96.85	+ 0.26	
Long Term Bal	99.97	106.35	+ 0.47	
UK Equity	107.15	113.99	+ 1.21	
UK Emerging Cos	61.32	65.23	+ 0.02	
American	106.79	113.61	+ 0.14	
Japan	51.43	54.71	- 0.37	
European	104.24	110.89	- 0.01	
Fixed Interest	78.37	83.37	- 0.33	
Index Linked Gilt	73.98	78.71	- 0.09	
Deposit	80.53	85.67	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Grth	108.70	115.60	+ 0.50	
Berkeley Income #	106.00	112.80	+ 3.00	3.99
BWH Intl	128.68	135.45†	+ 0.94	0.63
Brwin Gth Port Inc	57.99	61.20†	+ 0.35	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.07	57.07	+ 0.40	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.26	53.04	+ 0.26	0.10
Shaw Utilities	51.87	54.74	+ 0.19	3.29
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	519.85	553.03		1.86
(Accum Units)	578.18	615.09		1.86
European Inc	135.14	143.77		1.13
Amalgam Inc	135.32	143.07		
N America Inc	319.19	339.58		
Far East Inc	309.52	329.26		
(Accum Units)	320.58	341.04		
UK Dvid Inc	165.96	176.57		1.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	83.42	87.91	+ 0.13	4.93
UK Small Cos	45.09	48.22	- 0.14	1.02
British Growth	52.83	55.71	+ 0.16	2.61
American Gwth	168.52	180.23	+ 1.98	
Japan Gwth	66.56	71.19	- 0.56	
Greater China	176.08	188.32	+ 3.20	
Pacific Strategy	146.25	156.55	+ 1.75	
European Gwth	83.12	88.79	+ 0.25	0.29
Intl Growth	140.59	150.36	+ 1.87	
US Index (E)	13.83	14.36	- 0.09	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	70.06	74.22	+ 0.10	2.48
Monthly Income	36.01	38.94†	+ 0.01	8.02
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	10.12	10.66	+ 0.13	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	81.74	86.96†		1.76
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9888				
Cash	138.40	138.40		4.56
European	464.30	496.00	- 0.70	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	123.60	131.10†	- 0.30	5.73
Growth Equity	310.40	331.60	- 0.20	2.08
Income Trust	123.20	131.60	- 0.40	3.14
International	170.40	182.00†	- 0.40	0.17
Japan Trust	118.60	126.70		
Nth American	256.70	276.30	+ 2.20	0.20
Pacific	510.10	544.90	+ 6.00	0.02
Exceltrust	467.80	499.70†	- 0.20	2.01
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	96.01	99.65	- 0.41	7.40
Global High Inc	94.99	98.59	- 0.42	5.93
Prem Fixed Int	101.01	104.86	- 0.38	8.00
Eqty & Bond Inc	98.29	104.51	- 0.29	6.43
European Growth	96.79	102.91	- 0.15	
Intl PEP Trust	56.99	60.60	- 0.32	
High Income	115.54	122.85†	- 0.19	4.23
-do- Accum	158.04	169.00	- 0.26	4.23
Recovery	341.20	362.80	- 0.70	1.96
(Accum Units)	391.60	416.40	- 0.90	1.96
St Vinc High Inc	113.21	114.90†	- 3.41	7.60
UK Emerg Cos	229.90	244.50	- 1.20	2.07
UK Smlr Cos	325.30	331.00	- 0.50	2.09
Glob Prv Tst	86.80	92.29	- 0.62	1.02
(Accum Units)	87.62	93.16	- 0.62	1.62
Inc Share Tst	83.55	88.84†	+ 0.03	8.63
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.66	26.15	+ 0.23	1.80
Growth Acc	24.66	26.15	+ 0.23	1.80
Income	24.79	26.24	+ 0.24	4.13
Income Acc	24.76	26.24	+ 0.24	4.13
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptfolio	190.80	202.40†	- 1.10	2.55
Smaller Cos	29.87	31.56†	- 0.10	0.92
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 230 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	279.91	298.50†	+ 1.27	1.51
Best of British	61.68	65.56	+ 0.55	2.82
UK Smaller Cos	114.72	123.32†	+ 0.69	1.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	262.83	279.90	+ 1.63	3.88
(Accum Units)	706.53	752.42	+ 4.39	3.88
High Income #	296.43	316.88	+ 0.85	4.54
Extra Income #	251.77	278.39†	+ 0.76	6.17
Pref & Gilt	45.81	48.24	+ 0.07	8.99
International				
International	245.86	261.44	- 0.40	0.80
Global Bond	51.64	54.84†	- 0.07	6.20
Intl Port Tst	76.34	81.84	- 0.57	0.16
Global Tech	154.05	164.75	- 0.95	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.81	175.17	+ 1.74	0.44
European	451.88	478.95	- 0.44	0.76
European Income	77.95	82.53†	- 0.06	2.98
Euro Smlr Cos	146.26	156.95	- 0.69	0.02
Eur Sp Sits	66.38	70.61	- 0.23	0.52
(Accum Units)	71.11	75.64	- 0.24	0.52
Japan Trust	187.06	199.17	- 2.64	
Japan Special Sits	202.51	215.77†	- 4.22	
Pacific Smlr Cos	222.74	238.33†	+ 1.84	
North American	233.95	248.63	+ 0.93	0.28
American Smaller	104.62	111.83	+ 0.14	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth				
Eur Sp Sits	57.22	60.65	- 0.19	...
General Growth	42.02	44.54	- 0.35	
Income Growth	40.49	42.91	+ 0.23	
Japan Growth	..			
Smaller Cos	..			
Special Opps	27.45	29.09	+ 0.15	
Wwide Sp Sits	44.83	47.51	- 0.08	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	93.88	98.30	+ 0.90	2.18
Capital	163.70	171.40†	+ 1.30	1.66
Dollar	346.60	362.90	+ 1.90	.155
Enterprise Gth	303.60	317.90†	+ 1.50	1.95
European	214.10	224.10	- 0.60	0.71
Far East	290.60	304.20	- 0.50	0.48
Financial	762.70	798.60	+ 5.40	1.83
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.08	26.08	- 0.02	7.56
High Yield	98.57	103.20	+ 0.70	4.22
Income & Growth	137.10	143.50	+ 1.60	3.53
International	240.80	252.10	+ 0.70	.05
Japanese General	189.20	198.10	- 0.40	...
Japan Tech	75.78	79.35	- 0.14	...
Nat Resources	65.56	68.87	+ 0.31	
Portfolio	68.88	72.10	+ 0.38	1.44
Smaller Cos	118.00	123.50		1.59
Special Sits	142.80	149.50†	+ 1.10	7.53
UK Emerging Cos	85.29	89.30	+ 0.07	
US Smaller Cos	85.26	89.28		
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.23	102.70	+ 0.50	6.21
Capital	562.40	600.30	+ 7.50	2.52
Income #	530.20	565.80	+ 1.30	5.33
Footsie Fund	51.73	52.41	+ 0.54	2.89
Tribe Indicr	99.97	106.70†	+ 0.80	2.20
UK Index	132.00	140.90	+ 1.20	3.18
International Funds				
American Growth	474.10	506.00	+ 2.0	0.68
American Index	200.50	213.60†	- 0.80	1.19
European Growth	106.30	113.10	- 0.10	0.34
Eurotrack 100	151.60	161.30†		0.88
Global Bond	20.39	21.52	- 0.03	6.24
Japan Growth	257.40	274.30	- 0.50	
Japan Index	75.09	80.14†	- 0.41	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	30.74	32.81†	- 0.34	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	51.96	55.48	+ 1.14	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	91.78	97.95†	+ 1.03	1.64
Spore & Mlysn Gth	69.04	73.68	+ 0.68	
Tiger Index	187.20	199.80	+ 2.0	1.45
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.34	29.41†	+ 0.06	1.11
General Funds				
Managed	68.26	70.85	- 0.25	1.94
Rupert Child Fnd	82.09	85.20	- 0.72	2.53
UK Growth	57.49	59.58	- 0.51	2.50
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	79.35	82.36	+ 0.40	6.96
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.50	26.29†	- 0.08	8.57
UK Inc & Gwth	38.86	40.33	+ 0.32	4.35
UK Income	324.70	337.00	+ 2.40	3.51
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	48.22	49.94†	+ 0.21	0.45
Amer Smlr Cos	114.70	119.00	+ 0.60	
(Accum Units)	115.90	120.30	+ 0.70	
Europe Gth	145.00	150.20	- 0.30	
(Accum Units)	149.90	155.20	- 0.40	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.27	28.30	- 0.24	
French Growth	74.08	76.89†	+ 0.91	0.27
(Accum Units)	79.47	82.48†	+ 0.97	0.27
H Kong & China	73.32	78.10	- 0.47	1.85
Intl Growth	54.37	56.43	+ 0.09	0.67
(Accum Units)	54.83	56.91	+ 0.11	0.67
Japan Gth	29.91	31.04	- 0.19	
Accum Units	29.91	31.04	- 0.19	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.22	37.59	- 0.34	
Glob Emg Mkts	83.72	86.90	+ 0.49	
European Units	84.32	87.52	+ 0.50	
SE Asia	299.60	310.90†	+ 2.70	0.35
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	53.66	55.28†	- 0.01	5.63
Cont Euro Gth	62.79	68.18	+ 0.39	1.34
-do- Acc	67.10	70.64	- 0.42	1.34
Extra Inc	241.40	256.90		4.49
-do- Acc	628.60	666.60	- 0.30	4.59
FTSE 100 Inc	95.69	101.80	+ 0.10	2.79
FTSE 100 Acc	95.89	101.80	+ 0.10	2.79
German Gth	126.90	133.60	- 1.40	0.20
-do- Acc	133.10	140.20	- 1.40	0.20
Growth Port	514.80	547.70†	+ 0.90	0.28
-do- Acc	523.40	556.90	+ 1.00	0.28
Hi Reserve Inc #	97.38	103.60	- 0.30	6.42
Hi Reserve Acc #	97.38	103.60	- 0.30	6.42
Income	487.50	497.40	- 0.10	3.93
-do- Acc	£12.54	£13.35	- 1.00	3.93
Income Port	495.20	526.90	- 0.10	4.05
-do- Acc	525.40	559.00	- 0.10	4.05
Japan Growth	95.92	102.10	- 1.10	
-do- Acc	96.26	102.50	- 1.10	
Master Trust	56.06	58.58	- 0.09	1.50
-do- Acc	61.46	65.39	- 0.10	1.50
N American Gen	176.80	188.10	+ 1.70	0.70
-do- Acc	204.20	217.30	+ 1.90	0.70
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.10	145.90	+ 1.30	
-do- Acc	139.90	148.90	+ 1.30	
Pacific Basin	233.40	248.40†	+ 7.50	0.82
-do- Acc	248.10	264.00	- 8.00	0.82
Small Cos Rec	338.20	356.00	-12.00	2.15
-do- Acc	452.20	476.00	-16.20	2.15
UK Growth	81.61	86.82	- 1.21	2.68
-do- Acc	99.17	105.50	- 1.40	2.68
Worldwide Gth	293.90	312.70	+ 1.80	0.67
-do- Acc	433.50	461.20	+ 2.50	0.67
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	64.87	69.59	+ 0.50	0.10
General	82.03	88.01	+ 0.20	2.60
Income	80.55	84.96†	+ 0.12	5.70
International	60.22	64.60	- 0.24	0.50
Japan	53.44	57.33	- 0.27	
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.51	67.07	- 0.06	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	381.70	403.70	- 2.80	0.65
(Accum Units)	475.00	503.00	+ 3.40	0.65
Amer Recovery	438.60	463.80	+ 0.50	0.65
(Accum Units)	503.20	532.20	+ 0.50	0.65
Amer Smllr Cos	130.40	137.90	+ 0.40	
(Accum Units)	133.20	140.90	+ 0.40	
Australasian	142.50	150.70†	- 2.30	2.29
(Accum Units)	174.30	184.30	- 2.80	2.29
Capital	785.90	831.10†	- 0.60	2.85
(Accum Units)	901.70	953.70	- 0.60	2.85
Charifund	652.70	658.30	- 0.30	5.98
(Accum Units)	£30.45	£30.77	- 1.80	5.98
Commodity	359.40	380.10†	+ 2.20	0.50
(Accum Units)	527.60	558.00	+ 3.30	0.50
Compound Grth	896.00	947.50	- 0.10	3.32
(Accum Units)	939.20	993.20	- 0.20	3.32
Dividend	38.20	40.40		4.57
(Accum Units)	160.20	169.70	+ 0.10	4.57
Equity Income	319.50	337.90†	- 0.20	5.19
(Accum Units)	415.00	439.00	+ 0.30	5.18
Euro & General	481.60	509.50	+ 2.70	1.27
(Accum Units)	609.50	644.50	+ 3.50	1.27
Euro Dividend	67.60	71.50	+ 0.20	3.71
(Accum Units)	81.30	86.20	+ 0.40	3.71
Extra Yield	390.20	412.70†	- 1.10	5.14
(Accum Units)	£12.33	£13.04	- 3.70	5.14
Far Eastern	327.00	345.80†	- 0.40	0.91
(Accum Units)	434.10	459.00	+ 0.50	0.91
Fund of Inv Tsts	582.10	615.60	- 1.40	2.29
(Accum Units)	£10.87	£11.49	+ 2.70	2.29
General	57.80	61.10	- 0.10	3.88
(Accum Units)	162.50	171.80	- 0.30	3.88
Gilt Income	58.48	58.59†	- 0.19	8.05
(Accum Units)	162.84	163.14	- 0.52	8.05
Gold	60.20	63.70	- 0.30	1.11
(Accum Units)	71.10	75.20	- 0.40	1.11
High Income	27.00	28.50	- 0.10	4.90
(Accum Units)	108.20	114.60	- 0.20	4.90
Intl Growth	71.60	75.70	+ 0.40	1.18
(Accum Units)	125.00	132.10	+ 0.70	1.18
International Inc	94.40	99.80	- 0.30	4.93
(Accum Units)	140.10	148.10	+ 0.30	4.93
Japan & Gen	41.50	43.90	- 0.30	
(Accum Units)	44.50	47.10	- 0.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	145.30	153.70	- 0.20	
(Accum Units)	146.30	154.80	- 0.20	
Managed Income	26.10	27.40†	- 0.10	4.12
Midland	57.90	61.20	- 0.10	3.38
(Accum Units)	193.40	204.50	- 0.30	3.38
Persica Ex	769.00	811.30	- 0.30	4.62
Recovery	39.20	41.50		2.84
(Accum Units)	64.40	68.20		2.84
Second General	65.20	69.00		3.87
(Accum Units)	169.40	179.20		3.87
Smaller Cos	64.40	68.10†	+ 0.10	3.36
(Accum Units)	128.40	135.80	+ 0.30	3.36
Sterling Hi Int	23.74	23.84	- 0.06	8.71
Treasury	25.08	25.12†	+ 0.01	6.23
Trustee	39.10	41.30		4.68
(Accum Units)	157.50	166.70		4.68
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	77.72	82.68	- 0.08	1.54
Intl Bond	63.42	66.70	- 0.19	5.83
Intl Equity Growth	67.87	72.20	- 0.19	0.84
N Amer Growth	95.01	101.07	- 0.92	1.05
Special Sits Growth	20.18	21.46†	- 0.05	2.11
FT-SE 100 Acc	52.80	55.28	- 0.57	2.74
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.96	54.43	- 0.56	2.74
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.80	54.95†	- 0.17	7.01
(Accum Units)	154.80	161.10†	- 0.50	7.01
High Yield	210.70	225.60	- 0.75	5.87
(Accum Units)	527.60	552.60	- 1.90	5.87
Income	270.60	283.40	+ 2.26	3.78
(Accum Units)	597.00	625.10	- 4.80	3.78
Money Market UT	49.43	49.43	- 0.01	5.48
(Accum Units)	77.67	77.87	- 0.02	5.48
Monthly Income	90.94	94.75†	- 0.27	5.37
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	98.42	104.70	- 1.20	1.88
European Growth	99.41	105.40	- 1.50	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	84.40	89.85	- 0.27	8.20
Income	81.05	86.22	+ 0.60	2.98
Japan Growth	48.92	51.86	- 0.30	
Managed	66.97	71.24	- 0.86	2.47
Money Market	97.16	92.29	- 0.03	4.35
North American	84.53	89.51	- 0.66	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	82.49	85.11	- 1.10	1.86
European Growth	93.50	99.11	- 1.39	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	80.52	85.43	- 0.25	6.15
Income	79.62	84.70	- 0.58	3.03
Japan Growth	48.83	51.76	- 0.30	
Managed	64.06	62.15	- 0.21	2.44
Money Market	80.58	85.42	- 0.03	4.30
North American	77.09	81.72	- 0.76	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	89.36	95.06	- 1.10	1.85
European Growth	91.29	96.77	- 1.36	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.57	78.06	- 0.24	6.32
Income	78.57	83.59	- 0.58	3.06
Japan Growth	49.55	52.58	- 0.30	
Managed	66.82	71.08	- 0.22	2.44
Money Market	75.03	79.53	- 0.02	4.38
North American	85.23	90.34	- 0.86	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.06	12.83		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	336.30	358.00	- 2.70	
European Gth Inc	408.70	438.20	- 2.30	0.29
(Accum Units)	413.10	442.90	- 2.30	0.29
Intl Gwth	184.90	196.80	- 0.20	
UK Equity Inc	176.60	188.20	- 0.20	3.19
UK Int Trckr Inc	151.43	161.50†	- 0.40	2.76
(Accum Units)	179.60	192.10†	- 0.50	2.76
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	200.30	212.90†	- 2.00	1.57
Japan Tracker	71.36	75.90	- 0.20	
Asian Trader	193.50	206.80	- 1.40	0.30
Managed Inc	148.30	158.10	- 0.40	1.47
Deposit Inc	39.88	39.92†	- 0.03	5.27
Europa	173.60	185.60†	- 0.20	0.38
Genesis	145.40	155.10		2.29
High Income	21.60	22.91†	- 0.08	10.90
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	92.91	92.89	- 0.06	2.70
Acumen Inc	95.09	97.27	- 0.05	2.70
Acumen Reserve	32.82	33.66	- 0.29	8.63
-do- Inc	71.12	71.83	- 0.25	8.63
American Growth	146.50	151.60†	- 1.50	
Cash Income	49.11	49.11	- 0.02	5.20
Equity Income #	89.94	92.47	- 1.19	5.08
European	70.24	71.84	- 0.38	0.35
Smaller Cos	72.99	75.32	- 0.11	1.41
Diversified	60.64	62.14†	- 0.23	0.53
Global Bond	43.52	44.51†	- 0.13	6.70
UK Growth	98.77	101.18	- 0.23	2.15
Pacific Growth	103.90	106.66	- 1.20	
Japan Growth	86.66	88.10	- 1.15	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avec Equity	118.62	124.02	+ 1.20	2.90
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	68.53	72.97	+ 1.38	2.27
UK Income	112.48	119.76	+ 2.60	4.13
Higher Income	222.62	234.56	- 0.35	5.06
Smaller Cos	73.69	78.60†		2.38
International	92.16	97.54	- 0.41	1.92
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.02	0.68
European Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	
Far East Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.33	
Global Care Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.07
Oseas Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 7.85	0.15
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.15
UK Dist	323.10	352.00	- 2.40	2.68
(Accum Units)	645.40	[illegible]	- 4.70	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.37	4.16
Wwide Dist	103.31	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.21
Wwide Inc Dist	67.82	72.51	- 0.35	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 399				
Europe Inc	60.96	[illegible]	- 0.97	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.19	0.83
North America Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.47	2.51
UK Equity Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.34	2.12
(Accum Units)	52.07	[illegible]	- 0.36	2.12
UK General Inc	54.91	[illegible]	- 0.36	2.59
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	[illegible]	45.49	- 0.03	7.24
UK Income Inc	54.24	[illegible]	- 0.34	4.07
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.16	5.85
Bridge Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.22
Distributor	67.57	[illegible]	- 0.53	3.50
Foundation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.29
Global	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.59	1.79
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Income Inc	25.45	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.96
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest	135.62	144.19		1.53
Formerly Capital House				
American Grth Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.25
Cash Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.75
European Grth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.46
Japan Gwth	24.95	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed Tst Inc	45.93	49.12	- 0.29	2.36
Oriental Opps Inc	130.90	140.00	- 0.90	0.25
Property Shares	31.95	34.17	- 1.01	0.88
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.32	1.44
UK Growth Tst	24.74	26.45	- 0.22	2.83
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.50	73.04†	- 0.62	1.88
Cap Hse UK Inc	54.24	66.70	- 0.35	2.98
Exempt E	29.84	[illegible]		1.76
German	49.57	[illegible]	- 0.57	
High Income	69.11	[illegible]	- 0.34	5.29
Mngd Ptflio Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	134.40	[illegible]		1.07
Monthly Income	[illegible]	78.49†	- 0.35	4.51
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2565				
Managed	91.05	96.61		2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	116.24	122.36†	- 0.34	2.09
UK Equity	131.83	138.77†	- 1.37	3.51
UK Equity Income	125.61	132.43	- 1.10	3.51
UK Smaller Cos	108.99	114.72	- 0.07	1.81
UK Equity Growth	122.95	129.42†	- 1.23	3.57
UK Index Trckg	133.88	140.93†	- 1.63	3.76
Intl Index Trckg	138.83	146.14†	- 0.02	1.22
International	224.12	235.92	- 0.42	0.49
European	190.32	200.34†	- 0.40	0.57
Pan European	125.90	132.53	- 0.19	1.46
Nth American	170.91	179.91	+ 0.58	0.16
N Amer Smlr Cos	183.18	192.82	- 0.65	
Japanese	85.69	90.41	- 0.55	
Pacific	214.24	225.52	- 0.81	0.34
South East Asian	236.67	249.13	+ 2.10	0.55
Intl Bond	132.76	139.75	- 0.22	4.49
Gilt & Convertible	101.98	107.35	- 0.32	6.32
Property	81.98	86.30	- 0.06	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	242.70	261.20	- 0.70	0.09
(Accum Units)	256.80	276.40	- 0.70	0.09
Japan Inc	103.69	110.50	- 0.80	
Nth American Inc	103.50	111.10	+ 0.20	0.47
Worldwide Inc	147.60	159.00	+ 0.20	0.94
Hong Kong Inc	130.80	140.80	+ 1.50	1.04
Swiss Equities Inc	67.72	72.60	+ 0.12	
Wwide Bond Inc	58.73	62.19†	- 0.16	5.61
Emging Asia Inc	202.69	219.50	+ 3.90	
(Accum Units)	203.30	220.30	+ 3.90	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.30	50.38†	+ 0.04	6.14
Thailand Inc	149.70	161.00	+ 4.90	1.01
Gold Trust Inc	68.42	74.09	- 0.30	0.78
New Zealand Inc	84.07	90.56	- 0.30	1.56
Int Mngd PEP Inc	59.23	63.67†	+ 0.04	1.21
Latin Am Cmp Inc	46.78	51.08	- 0.29	
UK All Sh Mlr Inc	55.29	59.34†	+ 0.47	2.34
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.39	78.49	+ 0.15	
Global Portfolio	65.34	69.88	+ 0.18	
Global Opps	62.94	67.32	+ 0.19	
Marsh Global Grth	59.46	63.65	+ 0.01	
AAM Global Equity	52.01	55.13	+ 0.27	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	85.66	91.98	+ 0.70	
Temple Equity Inc	41.17	45.08	+ 0.09	2.81
Hartley Growth	68.71	72.83	- 0.06	0.39
Intl Growth Inc	82.56	88.30	+ 0.31	0.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	76.30	81.60	+ 0.24	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.33	49.23	+ 0.06	
Premier Portms Inc	63.52	67.94	+ 0.10	1.97
Roxborgh Stsal Gth	67.66	72.56	+ 0.21	0.35
Tech Analysis	94.18	99.83	- 0.75	
Rossbury Growth	44.71	48.83	- 0.33	0.36
International Strat	73.16	78.25	+ 0.51	
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	51.20	55.21	+ 0.34	
Coverdale Topsol	46.39	49.89	+ 0.22	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	45.05	47.42	+ 0.19	1.07
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 826 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	230.80	245.40	+ 0.50	2.77
(Accum Units)	487.10	518.10	+ 1.00	2.77
Growth	150.00	157.80	+ 0.20	2.84
Income	228.40	242.90	- 0.30	3.95
Intl Equity	241.20	256.50	+ 1.10	1.23
(Accum Units)	266.60	283.60	+ 1.20	1.23
UK Income	62.79	66.79	+ 0.09	3.54
UK Intl 25	76.46	81.34	+ 0.18	2.44
New Europe	75.37	80.18	+ 0.08	0.74
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	558.38	597.20	+ 2.77	0.79
(Accum Units)	558.96	597.82	+ 2.78	0.79
Income	347.91	372.10	+ 5.34	3.52
Wwide Recovery	355.48	380.20	+ 0.80	0.58
Amer Growth Inc	217.14	232.24†	+ 0.37	0.01
(Accum Units)	217.14	232.24	+ 0.37	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	224.39	239.99	+ 0.11	0.03
Far Este Grth Inc	251.83	269.34	+ 0.73	0.42
(Accum Units)	251.83	269.34	+ 0.73	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	138.59	148.23	+ 0.20	0.98
(Accum Units)	138.94	148.61	+ 0.21	0.98
UK Growth Inc	86.31	92.32†	+ 1.19	2.85
(Accum Units)	90.78	97.08	+ 1.15	2.85
High Income	82.62	88.08	+ 0.98	4.28
Jap Gwth Inc	201.27	214.53†	- 1.68	0.01
(Accum Units)	201.27	214.53	- 1.68	0.01
PEP Growth	112.29	120.10	+ 0.31	1.10
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	115.77	123.82	+ 0.93	0.01
(Accum Units)	115.77	123.82	+ 0.93	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	125.48	134.19	- 0.07	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.46	134.19	- 0.07	0.01
Global Bond	53.80	56.88†	- 0.11	5.96
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.23	81.54	+ 0.14	1.63
(Accum Units)	79.20	84.71	+ 0.15	1.63
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0181 201 3027				
American	95.11	101.18	+ 0.65	
European	67.69	72.01†	+ 0.33	
Global	58.09	61.80	+ 0.38	
Pacific	53.29	56.69	+ 0.25	
UK Inc & Gth	61.25	65.16†	+ 0.36	1.54
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2950 540				
SRI Director Dlgs	88.97	92.62	+ 0.18	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	151.09	159.04	+ 0.84	0.11
Emerg Mkts	42.66	44.90	+ 0.50	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	58.02	61.50	+ 0.57	2.79
Growth Income	60.72	64.36	+ 0.39	2.41
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	126.89	134.99†	+ 1.11	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 143				
American Income	88.97	94.64	- 0.88	3.65
Conv & Gilt	107.00	113.80†	- 0.20	6.48
European Income	70.96	75.49	- 0.62	2.97
Extra Income	143.10	152.30†	- 1.30	3.91
(Accum Units)	175.33	166.50	+ 1.50	3.91
Far East	352.10	374.60†	+ 0.20	0.08
(Accum Units)	358.70	381.60	- 0.20	0.08
Global Income	24.10	25.64	- 0.01	4.69
High Income	109.30	116.30	- 1.40	3.63
(Accum Units)	129.70	138.00	- 1.60	3.63
International	184.60	196.40	- 0.40	0.67
(Accum Units)	190.30	202.40	+ 0.40	0.67
Pref & Fxd Inc	43.93	45.78	- 0.07	7.93
Recovery	68.00	72.34	- 0.38	2.84
Special Sits	102.50	109.10	- 0.20	1.13
(Accum Units)	111.00	118.10	- 0.20	1.13
Technology	390.40	415.30	+ 2.80	
UK Blue Chip	65.96	70.17†	- 0.39	2.65
(Accum Units)	73.77	78.47	+ 0.44	2.65
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3953				
Equity Gth	170.10	181.00†	- 0.80	1.84
European Gth	95.76	101.50	+ 0.40	0.48
Income & Gth #	125.20	136.40†	+ 0.20	3.36
Japan Gth	109.40	116.20	- 1.10	
Nth Amer Gth	123.00	130.80	+ 1.20	0.19
Overseas Gth	87.37	92.95	+ 0.13	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	35.76	37.05†	+ 0.34	1.77
Cash Haven Inc	101.24	101.74†	- 0.05	5.08
Cash Haven Acc	111.81	112.36†	- 0.05	5.08
Dist Trust Inc	93.57	96.96	- 0.74	6.12
Dist Trust Acc	96.77	100.27	- 0.77	6.12
Global Growth	86.00	91.48†	- 1.22	1.22
Equity Inc	77.29	82.22†	- 0.26	3.70
Equity	697.99	742.54		2.36
European	207.25	214.76	- 1.06	0.99
High Income	84.93	90.35†	+ 1.01	5.13
Intl Grth	176.65	187.92	- 2.47	1.01
Intl Sm Co	73.49	78.18	- 0.59	0.49
Japanese	199.47	208.70†	- 1.47	
Nth Amer	167.58	173.65	- 2.77	1.76
Pacific Mkts	97.92	101.47†	+ 2.24	0.54
Premier Inc	46.80	48.70	- 0.04	6.78
Sm Cos	82.67	87.94	- 0.26	1.49
Spec Sits	104.53	111.20	- 1.63	2.26
UK Growth	116.97	124.43†	- 0.91	2.31
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	289.30	305.80	- 1.00	3.34
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	510.81	543.39	- 4.84	0.66
FA America (Acc)	597.19	635.28	- 5.66	0.66
FA UK Equity Inc	152.05	162.17	+ 0.18	3.80
FA Japan	240.20	255.45	- 1.91	
FA Major UK Cos	91.92	97.99	+ 0.28	5.63
FA Smllr UK Cos	274.15	298.44†	+ 0.26	1.39
FA European	308.33	327.72	+ 1.80	0.67
FA Amer Smllr Cos	43.98	47.17	+ 0.46	0.18
FA Asia	46.07	43.48	- 0.86	0.18
FA Jap Smllr Cos	42.92	45.94	- 0.06	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.50	98.41	- 0.28	
UK Smllr Cos	79.18	83.34	- 0.06	
UK Income	92.29	97.14	- 0.12	
America	102.61	108.00	- 0.96	
Japanese	52.83	55.60	- 0.42	
European	99.06	104.27	- 0.57	
Gilt	86.76	91.32	- 0.21	
Deposit	83.89	88.30	- 0.04	
Managed	94.84	99.83	- 0.11	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	91.03	95.81	+ 0.28	
UK Smaller Cos	77.33	81.39	+ 0.06	
UK Income	90.03	94.76	+ 0.12	
America	99.86	105.11	+ 0.94	
Japanese	51.41	54.11	- 0.41	...
European	96.50	101.57	- 0.56	
Gilt	85.79	90.49		
Deposit	79.89	84.09		
Managed	88.14	92.77		
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	79.49	84.98	+ 0.51	0.22
Pacific Basin	70.35	75.83	+ 0.14	
High Inc Dist	128.90	135.70†	+ 0.30	5.23
Ryl Life Int Cmny	56.45	60.03†	- 0.02	4.37
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.73	68.01	+ 0.10	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	58.51	63.30	- 0.13	
UK Emerging Cos	117.90	127.40	+ 0.20	1.21
UK Index Trckg	154.50	164.60	+ 2.80	3.43
European	124.90	134.10	+ 0.10	0.29
Managed	140.20	150.70	+ 0.30	0.79
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	145.10	153.50		0.42
European Growth	108.60	114.80†		1.21
Far East Growth	123.80	131.80	...	0.89
Japan Growth	126.60	134.60	...	
Special Sits	180.20	191.70†		1.64
UK Growth	73.06	77.72		2.65
Triton General	226.80	241.30		0.82
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	150.90	159.70	- 0.20	0.49
Gt Euro Prog Inc	321.60	340.50	- 0.40	0.78
(Accum Units)	500.30	529.40	- 0.60	0.78
Growth Inc	124.50	131.70	- 0.20	0.82
(Accum Units)	126.90	134.30	- 0.10	0.82
International Inc	320.00	338.60	- 0.90	0.68
(Accum Units)	438.90	464.40	- 1.20	0.68
Nth Am & Intl Inc	308.70	326.70	+ 0.10	1.18
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.00	228.60	+ 0.20	1.49
UK High Inc Inc	125.70	133.00	+ 0.50	4.07
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	64.83	68.12	+ 0.18	
Amer Smllr Cos	76.25	81.11	+ 0.39	
Asian Gwth	103.66	110.27†	+ 1.25	0.75
European Gwth	65.22	69.37	+ 0.01	1.00
Global Bd	58.21	61.51†	+ 0.02	5.00
Global Eq	57.35	61.01	+ 0.07	0.50
Japanese Eq	48.35	51.44	- 0.13	...
Japan Sm Cos	54.86	58.35†	- 0.29	
UK Gen	49.77	52.95	+ 0.33	2.80
UK Gwth	56.50	60.10	+ 0.18	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	69.02	73.43	+ 0.50	4.06
Amer Smllr Cos	112.10	119.30†	+ 1.40	
Asian Smaller Cos	39.96	42.51	+ 8.10	
Capital Portfolio	121.90	129.30	- 0.20	1.99
Cash	126.60	126.60†	+ 0.10	5.58
China Dragon	56.77	60.39	+ 0.48	0.81
Commodity	116.50	123.90†	+ 0.10	0.40
Eastern Discovery	90.01	95.75	+ 0.12	
Emerging Mkts	35.13	37.37	+ 0.17	0.42
Energy Inds	116.90	124.40†	+ 0.10	0.78
European Gwth	180.50	192.00	+ 0.80	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.45	80.27	+ 0.16	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	53.03	56.41	+ 0.89	
Extra Income #	50.07	51.77†	- 0.10	5.98
Financial Secs	198.70	211.40	- 0.40	1.65
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	46.63	49.22†	- 0.15	9.52
Gold & Exploration	70.48	74.98	- 0.28	
High Return #	217.00	230.90	- 0.20	4.40
High Yield #	214.80	228.50†	- 0.20	4.08
Income #	113.40	120.60†	+ 0.10	4.64
Intl Bond	161.50	170.80†	+ 0.40	5.74
ITU	193.10	205.40	- 0.10	1.55
Japan Growth	157.30	167.30	- 0.70	
Japan Smaller	159.20	169.40	- 0.80	
Korea	63.25	67.29	+ 1.14	
Masterfund	52.33	55.67	+ 0.01	1.30
Scotbits	300.90	320.10	- 0.60	1.42
Scotshares #	279.90	297.80	- 0.30	2.51
Scotyields #	227.40	241.90†	- 0.30	4.03
Select Intl	130.20	138.50	+ 0.40	0.16
Smaller Cos Inc #	223.88	238.10†	+ 0.20	4.18
SE Asia	50.40	53.62	+ 0.40	...
Special Situation	120.70	128.40		1.01
UK Equity #	235.90	251.00	- 0.50	2.97
UK Growth	62.31	66.29	- 0.03	1.50
UK & O'seas	156.50	166.50	- 0.10	1.39
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	43.95	46.76†	- 0.03	0.97
US Growth	148.80	158.10†	+ 1.0	0.45
Univ Growth	130.60	138.90	+ 0.20	0.75
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cint: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	252.99	268.76	+ 0.63	0.91
(Accum Units)	276.32	293.55	+ 0.69	0.91
European Gwth	71.83	78.25	- 0.18	0.99
Euro Smllr Cos	75.81	80.86	- 0.82	0.37
Far Eastern Gth	89.85	95.84	- 0.35	
(Accum Units)	91.48	97.58	- 0.35	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	49.60	52.29†	- 0.01	7.97
Global Bond #	49.41	51.08	- 0.22	7.08
(Accum Units) #	54.20	58.01	- 0.25	7.08
Global Emer Mkts	47.08	50.19	- 0.16	
(Accum Units)	47.08	50.19	- 0.16	
Income #	336.05	358.45†	+ 2.96	5.34
(Accum Units) #	£10.68	£11.39	+ 9.41	5.34
Japan Smllr Cos	443.20	472.74	- 3.83	
(Accum Units)	444.09	473.68	- 3.85	
Japan Enterprise	63.40	67.62	- 0.57	
Pacific Gwth	123.82	132.07†	- 0.04	0.38
(Accum Units)	127.82	136.34	- 0.03	0.38
Portfolio	77.36	82.51†	+ 0.36	2.20
(Accum Units)	84.03	89.63	+ 0.39	2.20
Seoul	48.31	51.97	+ 0.21	
(Accum Units)	48.31	51.97	+ 0.21	
Smaller Cos	199.28	212.54	- 0.09	1.54
Tokyo	115.10	122.77†	- 1.32	
(Accum Units)	116.28	124.01	- 1.33	
UK Enterprise	246.29	262.70	+ 2.68	2.21
(Accum Units)	295.45	315.14	+ 3.22	2.21
UK Equity	231.73	247.17	+ 1.94	2.85
(Accum Units)	450.28	480.29	+ 3.77	2.85
US Smlr Cos	158.68	169.25	+ 0.23	
(Accum Units)	46.01	47.93	- 0.04	0.66
Institutional Funds				
European	230.40	239.42	+ 0.33	1.28
(Accum Units)	256.53	266.58	+ 0.37	1.28
Euro Smlr Cos	28.14	29.31	+ 0.04	1.67
(Accum Units)	29.86	31.09	+ 0.04	1.67
Global Equity Inc	74.91	78.03	+ 0.24	0.94
Japan Smlr Cos	36.24	37.75	- 0.03	0.27
(Accum Units)	36.53	38.04	- 0.03	0.27
Mngd Balanced	182.02	189.60	- 0.89	2.84
(Accum Units)	203.35	213.91	+ 1.01	2.84
Overseas Equity	180.30	187.81	+ 1.06	1.23
(Accum Units)	186.69	194.46	+ 1.09	1.23
Oseas Smllr Cos	119.62	124.60†	+ 0.45	0.74
(Accum Units)	124.94	130.14	+ 0.47	0.74
Pacific	234.56	244.33	+ 3.27	1.32
(Accum Units)	259.95	266.61	+ 3.56	1.32
Recovery	£17.54	£18.27	+12.94	3.07
(Accum Units)	£18.54	£19.32	+13.67	3.07
UK Index	148.05	154.21	+ 0.23	3.59
(Accum Units)	180.61	188.13	+ 0.28	3.59
UK Small Cos	105.42	109.81†	- 0.07	2.99
(Accum Units)	113.01	117.71	- 0.08	2.99
US Smllr Cos	45.21	47.09	- 0.04	0.66
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.55	50.64	- 0.13	4.05
Equity Trust	58.48	62.28	- 0.03	3.38
Equity Strategy	68.08	72.51	- 0.20	1.51
European Opps	83.39	88.81	- 0.09	1.36
UK Smaller Cos	58.12	61.90	+ 0.09	1.52
Maximum Inc	96.35	100.89	+ 0.03	6.75
Japanese	69.71	74.24	- 0.31	
Asia Pacific	111.87	119.14	+ 0.21	1.42
American	98.94	105.37	+ 0.02	0.66
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.11	31.11	+ 0.01	5.974
UK General Inc	49.98	53.18	+ 0.12	2.84
(Accum Units)	64.05	68.28	+ 0.15	2.84
Intl Income	255.80	272.10†	+ 1.10	1.01
(Accum Units)	439.20	467.10†	+ 1.90	1.01
European	77.82	82.23	+ 0.46	1.47
Japan	65.38	69.30	- 0.01	0.06
American	67.03	70.94†	+ 0.65	1.92
Far East	80.39	85.75	+ 1.42	0.76
Ethical Inc	27.98	29.93†	+ 0.04	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.50	34.72†	+ 0.12	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.39	36.68	- 0.04	3.44
UK Global Inc	37.93	40.51†	+ 0.09	1.57
Wwide Tact	66.77	71.29†	+ 0.29	1.26
Europe 2000 Tact	51.80	55.07	+ 0.38	1.51
Technology	107.70	114.65†	+ 0.33	1.81
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	370.40	395.20	+ 3.30	3.02
American	260.50	276.50	+ 0.50	0.58
Pacific	362.60	385.70	- 1.70	0.08
European	542.20	578.90	- 0.30	1.38
Worldwide	84.75	90.64	+ 0.17	0.78
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	258.00	274.50	+ 2.20	2.38
(Accum Units)	325.60	346.40	+ 2.80	2.38
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	185.80	197.70	+ 0.30	2.48
(Accum Units)	222.60	236.90	+ 0.30	2.48
Select Opprtny Inc	63.67	68.10†	+ 0.58	2.15
Income Plus Inc	67.41	71.72†	+ 0.44	4.88
European Inc	330.30	351.40	- 1.50	1.34
(Accum Units)	373.10	397.00	- 1.50	1.34
Far Eastern Inc	163.90	174.40	+ 0.80	0.82
(Accum Units)	186.50	198.50	+ 0.60	0.82
Japanese Inc	56.71	60.34	- 0.35	
Nth American Inc	238.00	253.20	+ 1.50	0.67
(Accum Units)	262.00	278.80	+ 1.50	0.67
Intl Growth Inc	190.30	202.50	- 0.20	0.69
Wwide Venture Inc	76.55	81.44†	+ 0.33	1.85
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	346.90	370.00	- 1.90	3.00
(Accum Units)	508.80	542.70	- 1.40	3.00
UK High Inc	174.10	185.60	- 0.80	4.85
(Accum Units)	251.30	268.00	- 1.20	4.85
Europe Inc	349.00	372.20	+ 0.50	0.68
Nth Amer Inc	218.10	232.60	+ 1.20	
Global Inc	189.50	202.20	- 0.10	0.38
UK Spec Sits Inc	92.52	98.68	- 0.20	3.40
South East Asia	206.40	220.10	- 0.30	0.79
Cash Trust Inc	101.20	101.20	...	5.71
UK Smllr Cos Inc	94.21	100.50	...	2.35
(Accum Units)	96.34	102.70	- 0.10	2.35
Intl Bond Inc	92.37	98.01	+ 0.10	6.38
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	136.80	143.70†	- 0.90	4.84
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	122.69	129.00	+ 0.20	0.80
Nth American	103.80	109.30	+ 0.80	0.05
Intl Bond & Conv	120.90	127.30	+ 0.40	5.72
Pooled Pension (E)	175.60	188.80		2.27
Smaller Cos	69.27	72.92	+ 0.03	1.54
UK General	123.90	130.40	+ 0.20	2.03
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	101.20		- 8.30	...
Asiect	64.28		- 1.71	...
European‡	118.80		- 3.10	...
Global Bond‡	94.87		+ 0.17	7.58
Samurai‡	58.09		- 0.86	...
UK Growth‡	95.22		+ 0.85	2.87
Tal Pass‡	97.97		+ 8.50	...
UK Emerg Leaders‡	98.29		- 0.06	1.44
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	306.80	324.70†	+ 2.30	...
Canadian	62.71	66.36	+ 0.31	0.89
Capital	115.70	123.80	+ 0.50	1.58
Cash	100.03	100.03†	+ 0.01	5.87
European	130.60	138.10	- 0.10	0.88
Far Eastern	143.60	151.90	+ 7.10	
Growth	126.60	134.00	+ 0.40	1.24
Income	118.70	125.60†	- 0.10	5.94
Magnum	124.30	133.10	+ 0.20	1.58
Smllr Secs	348.80	368.90	- 0.20	1.28
Thoroughbred	144.10	154.50	+ 0.40	1.48
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	50.27	50.77	...	5.10
Crsftd Primance	53.03	56.58†	+ 0.05	0.38
Ethical	53.16	56.55†	+ 0.14	2.88
European Growth	72.29	77.11	+ 0.04	3.09
Income	52.57	56.07	+ 0.24	6.30
Intl Growth	95.81	102.20	- 0.20	3.00
Managed	80.41	85.77	+ 0.20	3.85
UK Growth	59.53	63.49†	+ 0.33	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fixed Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.09	42.30†	...	1.96
Global Advtg Acc	37.40	37.59		1.96
Income Advtg Inc	30.10	30.26†	- 0.10	4.26
Income Advtg Acc	33.38	33.55	- 0.10	4.26
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.08	65.81	+ 0.18	1.46
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.79	51.84	+ 0.10	1.76
UK Eq Ml Inc Inc	35.10	37.30	- 0.10	3.91
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.58	46.31		3.89
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.52	63.24	- 0.10	2.49
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.02	46.73	- 0.10	2.49
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.34	32.18	- 0.10	6.53
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	301.50	327.20	+ 1.10	1.69
Nth American Acc	44.80	47.60	+ 0.20	.78
Far East Acc	65.45	69.55	+ 0.60	0.23
European Acc	50.94	54.13	+ 0.10	0.93
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.656	3.883		1.44
US Eqts (US$)	2.453	2.604		.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	212.20	225.40	...	
Japan Eqties (yen)	199.70	212.28	...	
FT Europe	122.20	129.70	...	1.52
FT N Amer (US$)	1.876	1.989		.90
FT Japan (yen)	197.49	209.70	...	
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.325	2.478		0.99
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	373.30	397.20	+ 1.80	...
British #	946.20	£10.07†	+ 4.80	3.85
Emrging Mkts	130.40	138.90	+ 0.10	
European	522.60	553.00	- 2.20	0.80
Japan	134.60	143.08	- 1.20	...
New Pacific	358.70	382.80	+ 0.90	0.72
(Accum Units)	378.10	402.80	+ 0.90	0.72
Inv Trust Acc	242.80	257.50	+ 1.10	0.88
Mngd Equity	165.70	175.30	+ 0.20	1.83
Mngd Cash	96.18	96.18	+ 0.03	5.47
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	788.10	842.90	+ 7.60	3.40
North America	122.30	130.80	+ 0.60	0.81
Far East	135.60	145.00	+ 0.70	0.38
Wwide Bond	77.57	81.33	- 0.01	5.04
European	98.58	105.50	- 0.50	0.21
Equity Income	85.76	91.72	+ 0.54	4.89
Portfolio	82.19	87.90	+ 0.37	2.08
UK Leading Cos	58.80	62.83	+ 0.50	3.50
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	62.51	66.86	+ 0.37	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.50	35.83	+ 0.33	0.62
Managed Assets	122.38	130.89	+ 0.23	2.89
UK Income	39.39	42.13	+ 0.05	3.29
UK Growth	37.79	40.42	+ 0.48	2.66
Worldwide Growth	33.89	36.25	+ 0.08	-1.09
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	45.56	48.49	+ 0.22	
Cap Protector Inc	39.76	42.52	+ 0.15	2.89
UK Income Inc	48.80	52.19	+ 0.47	3.48
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.82	33.82	+ 0.14	3.83
Mngd High Yld Inc	76.25	81.55	+ 0.53	4.29
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.17	77.19	+ 0.68	3.72
UK Smaller Cos	32.03	34.26	+ 0.05	2.05
Pacific Grth Port	44.20	47.27†	- 0.22	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	209.29	221.47	+ 0.97	
(Accum Units)	230.52	243.93	+ 1.08	
Brit Growth	93.47	98.91†	- 0.42	2.32
(Accum Units)	113.36	119.96†	+ 0.43	2.32
European	100.72	106.58†	- 1.28	0.78
(Accum Units)	107.11	113.34†	- 1.34	0.78
Extra Income	182.93	193.58†	+ 1.19	4.59
(Accum Units)	315.06	333.39†	+ 2.05	4.59
Smaller Cos	66.24	70.10†	- 0.92	1.81
(Accum Units)	74.70	79.05†	- 0.02	1.81
General	271.27	287.06	+ 2.71	2.71
(Accum Units)	567.32	594.20	+ 5.61	2.71
Premier Income	47.98	49.98	- 0.08	6.38
(Accum Units)	109.59	114.15	- 0.19	6.38
Income	314.79	333.11	+ 1.86	4.12
(Accum Units)	690.21	730.38	+ 4.07	4.12
Pacific	386.16	408.64	- 1.73	...
(Accum Units)	405.76	429.38	- 1.81	...
International	512.96	542.81	+ 0.44	0.35
(Accum Units)	674.51	713.78	+ 0.58	0.35
Nat Resources	146.52	155.04	+ 0.40	...
Stwd Opps	100.47	106.32†	+ 0.05	1.99
(Accum Units)	128.63	136.11†	+ 0.68	1.99
Environmental Inv	59.98	63.47†	+ 0.35	2.00
Selector	59.35	62.81	+ 0.31	2.96
(Accum Units)	66.95	70.84	+ 0.35	2.96
High Income	61.79	65.39	+ 0.29	4.94
(Accum Units)	78.73	83.31	+ 0.38	4.94
Intl Income	58.82	60.13†	+ 0.07	5.14
(Accum Units)	71.28	75.41†	+ 0.09	5.14
Selector Income	59.01	62.44	+ 0.22	4.81
(Accum Units)	69.30	73.33	+ 0.26	4.81
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018				
British	313.70	330.20†	+ 2.70	2.08
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	192.28	205.57	- 0.14	2.84
Glob Balncd Inc	166.00	176.47	- 0.02	3.75
Value Tst Inc	117.61	125.79	+ 0.02	1.84
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.11	42.15†	- 0.14	7.60
European Growth	264.18	280.18†	- 0.58	0.50
Exempt	511.86	534.40	+ 3.92	3.19
Global Em Mkts	75.48	80.51†	+ 0.35	0.49
Japan Tst	72.67	77.37	- 0.92	...
Little Dragons	84.83	90.59	+ 1.09	
Nth Amer Gwth	230.21	245.17	+ 1.14	0.69
Oriental Income	42.36	46.18†	+ 0.17	2.58
Preference	125.60	134.88	- 0.26	8.79
Tiger	263.63	281.20	+ 3.63	...
(Accum Units)	276.97	295.43	+ 3.81	...
UK Blue Chip	60.48	64.80	+ 0.62	2.10
UK Growth	490.54	524.64	+ 4.57	2.40
UK High Yield	100.28	107.25	+ 0.91	4.70
(Accum Units)	325.38	348.01	+ 2.97	4.70
UK Mid-Cap	238.21	254.77	+ 1.13	2.59
UK Smllr Cos	94.18	100.72†	+ 0.68	1.29
UK Smlr Cos Div	82.78	88.53	+ 0.12	3.58
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	95.80	101.70†	+ 0.65	3.24
UK Equity Growth	84.42	89.81†	+ 0.54	2.59
European	68.64	73.02	+ 0.11	1.21
Nth American	68.88	73.28	+ 0.19	1.13
Far Eastern	66.18	70.40	- 0.63	0.65
Money	67.41	67.41	+ 0.02	4.67
Fixed Interest	71.26	75.81†	- 0.21	6.61
Index Linked Gilt	66.26	68.43†	- 0.08	1.37
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.71	24.95	- 0.16	...
Pacific Basin	41.62	43.81	- 0.23	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.86	0.80	- 0.00	...
Penny Share	34.86	36.69	+ 0.06	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 600 6462				
Challenger	94.31	98.49	- 0.33	...
Short Dtd Gilt	111.58	113.18	- 0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	+ 0.00	6.84
Gilt Income	48.94	50.93†	- 0.16	7.25
Gilt Growth	70.11	72.97	- 0.39	
City Reserve	52.25	52.25	+ 0.01	5.75
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	48.09	50.98	- 0.09	1.25
UK Stockmarket	76.94	81.84	+ 1.75	2.69

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	129.10	137.20	+ 0.30	
Income	142.43	151.51	+ 0.94	4.03
UK Growth	52.44	55.78	+ 0.44	0.63
International	70.44	74.93	+ 0.45	0.08
Ecology	76.82	81.72	+ 0.38	1.32
European	120.71	127.78	+ 0.11	
Fa Eastern	273.20	290.80	- 0.90	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.45	50.48†	- 0.26	7.63
Gilt Yield	112.50	118.60†		6.75
Global Income	199.70	212.40†	+ 1.55	4.25
High Yield	132.60	141.10	+ 1.95	6.26
(Accum Units)	401.40	427.08	+ 6.04	6.26
Smllr Cos Div	47.93	50.99†	- 0.09	3.26
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.59	93.18	+ 0.32	
North American	75.29	80.10	- 0.23	0.16
European Special	103.50	110.10	- 0.50	0.14
European	147.10	156.50	- 0.40	0.38
(Accum Units)	193.20	205.50	- 0.60	0.38
General	263.00	279.80	+ 2.60	3.24
Global Eqty Inc	98.91	103.10	+ 0.30	1.16
Japan	375.50	399.50	- 2.90	...
Japanese Special	210.40	223.80†	- 3.90	
Master Accum	223.90	238.20	- 0.10	0.58
Pacific	303.30	322.70	- 2.00	
(Accum Units)	355.70	378.40	- 2.30	
Smaller Cos	101.10	107.60	- 0.30	0.54
UK Equity Growth	36.79	39.14†	- 0.01	1.66
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.10	62.87	- 0.18	
Inv Trust	61.39	65.30	- 0.13	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.30	59.89	- 0.16	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.50	56.91	+ 0.04	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	538.80	549.80†		6.17
Intl & General	383.00	390.80†		0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	250.37	266.35	- 1.02	5.63
Inc & Growth Inc	52.30	55.64	+ 0.24	4.87
Smaller Cos	53.13	56.52	- 0.02	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	234.00	248.90	+ 1.00	1.99
High Income	101.99	108.40	+ 0.60	4.61
International	91.29	97.11	- 0.15	0.84
Recovery Trust	60.11	63.94	+ 0.29	1.56
European Trust	76.77	81.67†	- 0.46	0.68
Japanese Trust	40.11	42.67†	- 0.23	
American Trust	83.93	89.28	+ 0.43	0.48
Managed	63.40	67.44†	+ 0.15	0.87
Cash	51.51	51.51	+ 0.01	4.20
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	345.30	351.60†		2.80
UK Inc/Gth	370.20	375.80†		3.56
UK Income	258.50	262.80†		4.40
UK Smr Cos	220.10	228.90†		2.13
Euro Gwth	121.00	121.90		
N Amer Gwth	80.98	81.85		0.24
Japan Growth	60.94	61.50		
Money Mkt	123.03	123.03		1.500
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	451.20	480.00†	+ 4.20	2.86
(Accum Units)	896.90	954.10†	+ 8.40	2.86
Equity Income	92.90	98.83	+ 0.14	4.36
UK Tactical Alloctn	54.44	57.91†	+ 0.55	3.79
European	111.80	118.90†		1.04
Far Eastern	200.60	213.40	+ 0.30	
Fixed Interest	49.87	53.05†	- 0.14	6.35
Gilt	87.76	93.06	- 0.26	6.65
Global Growth	68.54	72.91	- 0.10	0.40
Intl Bond	51.23	54.41†	- 0.01	5.46
Japanese	66.75	71.01	- 0.36	
North American	143.20	152.30	+ 0.50	1.07
Pacific Growth	101.60	108.10†	+ 0.60	0.28
UK Index	80.33	83.67	- 0.57	3.25
UK Recovery	86.67	92.20	+ 0.54	2.06
UK Smaller Cos	113.40	120.60	- 0.10	1.72
US Index	80.14	83.47	+ 0.24	1.80
European Index	71.62	75.80†	- 0.03	1.73
Japan Index	38.99	41.15	- 0.12	
Worldwide	78.84	83.87	+ 0.23	1.62
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	47.59	50.90		2.25
Income	55.22	59.06		3.12
Far East	48.65	52.03		
North American	91.97	98.36		
Global	85.95	91.93†		0.35
European	81.25	86.90†		0.70
Japan	101.10	108.10		
Intl Currency Bd	58.60	62.19		3.90
SE Asia	92.56	98.99		
UK Cap Growth	87.48	93.56		1.61
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	329.00	350.10	+ 0.20	2.96
-do- Acc	748.30	796.10	+ 0.40	2.96
UK Growth	354.80	377.40	+ 0.90	3.02
(Accum Units)	462.70	492.20	+ 1.10	3.02
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.82	£12.86		3.48
Income #	947.20	962.80		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60		4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	189.30	202.50	+ 0.20	2.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	164.90	173.70	- 0.50	6.77
Intl Growth	199.50	212.50	+ 0.80	0.37
North American	180.40	192.40	+ 2.00	0.65
Far East	253.70	271.30	+ 2.00	1.45
UK Smaller Cos	161.90	173.20	- 0.20	1.91
European	78.05	82.98	- 0.06	0.22
Japanese Growth	45.22	48.15	- 0.18	
High Income	178.40	190.80	...	4.56
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	145.60	153.30	+ 0.46	2.38
-do- Accum	167.60	176.50	+ 0.46	2.38
UK Sel Ptflio	124.80	131.30	+ 1.00	2.60
-do- Accum	145.00	152.60	+ 1.00	2.60
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 843				
Managed Tst	64.44	68.55		4.04
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	67.77	71.94†	+ 0.64	4.53
European	78.45	83.28†	- 0.18	0.40
Income #	70.72	75.07†	- 0.12	5.11
Nth American	62.02	65.84	+ 0.25	0.58
Far East	155.90	165.50	+ 0.30	
Japan	50.53	53.64†	- 0.17	
Emrging Mkts	82.39	88.12†	- 3.36	
Intl Growth	102.30	108.60	+ 0.30	0.72
UK Growth	88.00	91.29	+ 1.17	1.16
UK Smlr Co	43.34	46.01	- 0.01	1.03
Asian Opps Fd	34.90	37.33	+ 0.27	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	396.68	422.01†	+ 3.57	4.23
Global Inc	65.77	69.97†	+ 0.28	2.95
Brit Leaders	338.26	359.85†	+ 2.81	2.49
Intl Leaders	196.53	209.07†	+ 0.76	0.79
PAM Mg Bal Grth	59.18	61.49†	+ 0.29	0.88
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	199.90	211.90	+2.300	
(Accum Units)	213.80	226.40	+2.300	
American Opps	88.43	94.33	+0.750	
(Accum Units)	89.54	95.51	+0.760	
British Blue Chip	75.54	80.17	+0.320	3.00
(Accum Units)	93.13	98.85	+0.410	3.00
Cash	100.80	100.80	+0.100	5.82
(Accum Units)	138.40	138.40		5.82
Emerging Mkts	90.04	96.82	+0.940	0.15
(Accum Units)	90.12	98.90	+0.930	0.15
European Growth	239.20	253.30	+0.600	0.18
(Accum Units)	257.90	273.20	+0.700	0.18
European Income	81.54	86.12	+0.300	3.33
(Accum Units)	109.60	116.00	+0.400	3.33
General	470.30	500.40†	-1.800	2.48
(Accum Units)	932.60	992.40†	+3.000	2.48
Global Bond	124.30	130.60†	+0.400	5.29
(Accum Units)	153.10	160.50†	+0.500	5.29
Gold & General	190.30	204.60	+0.300	0.44
(Accum Units)	195.20	209.90	+0.200	0.44
Govt Securities	89.23	91.99	- 0.09	5.96
(Accum Units)	173.70	179.10	- 0.20	5.96
Income	142.90	151.80†	-0.900	4.67
(Accum Units)	225.40	239.50†	-1.500	4.67
Inc Portfolio #	91.69	97.10†	+0.310	5.40
(Accum Units) #	93.70	99.40†	+0.330	5.40
Intl Opps	432.80	460.60	-1.200	0.19
(Accum Units)	578.00	615.10	+1.500	0.19
Japan	155.90	165.20	- 1.30	
(Accum Units)	180.10	189.60	- 1.30	
New Europe	166.40	177.50†	+0.500	1.13
(Accum Units)	171.80	183.30†	+0.600	1.13
Pacific	109.00	118.30	+2.000	0.88
(Accum Units)	116.70	124.50	+2.200	0.88
Recovery	274.60	292.90	-0.700	0.89
(Accum Units)	350.50	373.90	+1.000	0.89
UK Smaller Cos	51.14	54.55†	- 0.02	0.94
(Accum Units)	57.89	61.75†	- 0.02	0.94
Portfolio	75.43	80.05†	+0.270	2.88
(Accum Units)	89.97	95.48†	+0.320	2.88
Managed Grth	92.77	97.05	+0.370	1.96
Managed Inc	99.53	103.20	+0.300	4.36
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Emergwth Plus	111.33	118.44	+ 0.38	0.91
Portfolio	63.11	67.14	+ 0.14	0.58
UK Income Inc	71.18	75.73†	+ 0.17	4.95
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	58.50	61.20	+ 0.23	3.27
(Accum Units)	61.55	64.45	+ 0.25	3.27
British Tst	80.48	84.27†	+ 1.07	2.21
(Accum Units)	94.46	98.91†	+ 1.26	2.21
Extra High Inc	64.96	68.02	+ 0.18	6.59
(Accum Units)	125.70	131.60	+ 0.30	6.59

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380	Abbey Nat	458	+4	14.4	4.8
314	233	Allied Irish	270	+5	5.3	10.4
278½	171	Ass New 2	228	-1	5.0	8.3
3300	2462½	Bank America	3012½	+18½		
647	472½	Bank Scotland	614½	+9	3.1	12.1
540	467	Barclays	508	+10½	4.3	9.1
319	246	Bk of Ireland	308	+4	4.7	8.9
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2700			
295½	203	Close Brost	245		4.0	11.1
2150½	2121½	Commercial	2147½	+337½		6.1
12957	9837½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	11311½	-21½		0.5
2344½	2370½	Deutsche Bk	2310½	-540½		2.4
1319½	825	Espirito Santo	952½			12.4
92	57	First Nat Fin	75		2.5	47.9
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1251½	-50		0.5
473	395	Hambros	397	-8	9.7	12.7
1113	788	HSBC	1116	+17½	4.8	9.7
1133	978	HSBC Hk	1097	+16	4.9	8.6
443	365	Joseph (L)	383		4.8	11.8
693	424	Kleinwort Benf	688	-5	4.4	11.8
698	518	Lloyds	583½	+16	5.4	10.7
699½	472	Nat Aust Bk	558	+5	6.4	9.1
822	421	Nat Westm	518	+9	5.2	8.4
3300	2100	Oberseas Bank	2325		8.1	5.7
79	53	Rea Bros	58		2.8	16.5
526	373½	Roy Bk Scot	411	-3	4.2	11.8
1574	1050	Schroders	1485	+7	1.7	14.4
1458	1043	Schroders NAV	1340	+12	1.9	12.1
114	79	Singer & Fried	82½	-½	3.4	
3554	2533	Standd Chartd	3081	+9½	2.8	8.7
291	197	TSB	246	+5	4.6	10.5
1012	569	Wardley SB	980	+13	2.7	20.3
2106	861½	Wells Fargo	2100½			
280	194	Westpac	251½	-½	2.4	
380	200	Whitbread	365		6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1025	143	Ascot Hdgs	144			
616	485	Bass	521	+6½	5.1	12.9
299	239	Boddingtons	243		4.5	12.5
196	158	Brakspear Bw	189	-1	3.8	14.1
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	158	-4	3.4	18.2
68	46	Fowlers Brewing	55		5.8	14.3
465	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	348		2.9	24.8
511	398	Greenalls Gp	407	+2	4.0	13.4
384	282	Greene King	347	+5	3.4	13.6
767	528	Hardy Hanos	658	+1	4.6	12.6
170	135	Homchrch	155		3.6	16.1
3773	3125	Holt J	3380		1.8	18.6
248	195	Marstield	231		2.5	14.1
314	256	Minton Thmp	270	+1	2.8	13.1
545	415	Morland	430		3.2	12.6
10¾	6½	Parramount	8		3.9	16.9
332	209	Regent Inter	332	+2	2.2	19.0
1787½	1000	SA Breweries	1769½		1.6	20.3
581	477	Scot & Nwc	498	+6	4.4	14.3
306	211	Wolv Crown	211	-1	5.8	11.9
5004	3241	Wolverspoon JD	494	-4	1.8	27.0
617	494	Whitbread	553	+1	4.5	14.5
5568	4833	Wolvhmptn D	4933		3.5	12.8
298	249	Yates Bros	298		2.3	16.9
535	458	Young 'A'	463		4.0	19.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

205	130	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
200	143	Alfred	150		4.7	14.1
184	58	Amec	65	-1	5.8	37.5
167	47	Andrews Sykes	155			
462	333	Ashtead	439	+1	1.7	18.0
129	90	Ashtenne	127		3.5	24.7
41	36	Bailey (Geo) Con	38		2.5	21.4
88	78½	Barrow	87			
292	139	Barratt Dev.	181	+4	4.1	14.1
168	122	Beazer Homes	135	+2	5.0	10.6
384	179	Bellway	197		4.4	11.7
167	97	Bellwood	97		0.8	27.2
573	315	Berkeley Gp	354	+5	2.5	11.3
215	118	Bett Bros	174		3.2	5.3
355	240	Blot (Henry)	310		4.0	10.3
235	176	Brighton Hove	221		1.9	20.5
226	122	Br Bldg & Engr	203	+½	6.1	11.9
197½	105	Bryant	127	-½	5.0	12.0
145¾	98	CALA	110	+3	3.4	12.6
54	39	Campbell & Arm	39			
65	44	Clarke T	62½		10.3	
18	10	Costain	14			
185	85	Countrysidet	94		5.6	11.9
120	71	Crest Nicholson	77		3.2	
140	80	Cussons	86	+½	5.5	
87	57	Edinburgh Hdgs	58		0.8	
343	223	Ee Const	225		5.1	9.2
60	23	Galliford	23		5.4	
112	65	Gibbs & Dandyt	86	-1	3.8	
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	863		2.1	14.8
88	71	Green (Eric)	77		9.5	23.0
197	120	Hawtkins Sons	197		2.0	17.6
169	136	Hewden-Stuart	155	+½	2.4	17.8
144	78	Higgs & Hill	83		3.6	
32	17	Howard Hdgs	17		5.9	13.0
35	6	Jarvis	9			
138	103	Kelier	103		3.6	11.8
420	185	Lang (J)	240	+2	5.5	18.5
164	83	Laing 6.4% Cr Pf	86		9.3	
145	115	Lon Clydesde	117		5.7	12.4
173	92	Lovell (Y)	96		3.6	4.3
253	191	Maunders (J)	198		3.6	11.5
321	85	McAlpine (A)	318		5.3	21.2
76½	48	McCarthy & S	51½			18.1
64	51	Morgan Sndall	54		0.2	
185½	81	Mowlem (J)	82		3.0	
379½	163	Persimmon	181	-½	6.6	11.5
2400	1450	Pochin	1800		2.2	18.1
198	105	Prowting	111		4.1	16.9
118	24	Raine Ind	26	-½	12.0	12.1
67	46	Secure Retire	46	-1		14.9
133	93	Redland	117		2.9	13.7
67	50	Swtfd-Rve	55		1.7	25.9
398	333	Sheriff Hdgs	365		2.0	15.2
1127½	614	Shanon	980		5.1	20.7
245	195	Smart (J)	230		5.3	21.0
318	155½	Spencer	308		1.0	
257	151	Tay Homes	172		4.7	12.6
1183	114½	Tarmac Woodrw	123		1.8	30.0
780	543	Tilbury Douglas	670		3.0	18.9
59½	34	Tomkins	54	+2	3.0	18.9
40½	16	Tr Group	19	-1	6.8	26.0
138	90	Wakeplant	104		4.5	18.7
110	67	Warehouses	105	+2	5.8	11.3
74	48	Ward Hdgsf	51		3.1	12.5
225½	123	Wellstury	137		4.9	12.5
7½	3½	Wiggins	4			
258	124	Wilson (C)	153	+1	3.4	12.7
571	308	Wilson Bowdn	335	+4	3.9	11.8
249	113	Wimpey Gr	139	+2½	5.5	15.4

BUILDING MATERIALS

37	7½	Alingstone	7½	-½	8.3	12.7
345	283	Aluminect	335		2.5	16.8
69½	47½	Amberley Gp	48		3.5	24.7
362	271	BPB Ind	278	+4	3.8	14.3
140	93	Baggeridge Brk	125		3.1	12.9
60	37	Barlow	57		9.3	
80	58	Blackburn	58		1.9	
291	245	Blue Circle	287	+3	5.6	20.4
117	72	Bredon PLC	73		7.9	20.9
154	128	Br Dredging	132		5.3	15.9
488	351	CRH	351	+1	2.9	
51	31	Caledonad Roy	41			4.4
278	230	Caradon	268	+1	6.9	
265	220	Cerebos	250	-2	4.3	17.2
215½	114	Ciradon pl	128½	-1	7.1	
61	31	Chilcton Gyp	51		12.1	11.5
134	88	Dyson (JA)Rt	105		4.2	15.8
97	63	Dyson 'A'	83		4.8	9.5
13¾	4½	Epwin Blinds	12½	+½		
350	273	Epwin	294		3.8	
82	57	Erith	68	-½	4.8	
218	168	Eothern Egpt	197		3.9	14.8
398	317	Hallhead (J)	320		3.9	14.5
511	363	Hepworth	387	+1	9.5	16.3
88	46	Hewetson	77		2.3	13.9
298	210	Hoveringham	277		2.8	
1113	748	Hanson	1078		4.4	11.4
243	246	Ibstock	248	+3	3.5	17.2
81	67	Ibstock	81		1.5	
243	149	Jameson	231		2.1	32.5
170	85	Lilleshall	86	+1	7.0	10.3
168	118	Marley	157	+1	4.4	11.8
155	120	Marshalls	152	+1	4.3	20.3
346	195	Meyer Int	311	+2	4.3	12.1
196	146	Newman Tonx	161		5.0	20.3
214	76	Norcros	79		11.1	15.0
30	9	Phoenix Timber	10			
188	143	Pilkington	172		2.9	33.1
150	122	Polypipe	135	+1	2.5	14.2
1079	805	RMC Gp	980	+13	2.7	20.3
8	6	Ramus	8			
418	414	Redland	444		7.0	20.5
165	115	Rentokil	115		0.7	47.9
185½	102½	Rugby Group	115	+2	3.9	14.2
268	222	Ruskin (A)	255	+1	3.7	18.3
268	222	SIG	255	+1	2.0	
230	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175		3.1	12.8
81½	58	Sorbig Ram	59½		1.5	
206	98	Tarmac	113	+1	6.1	12.5
253	155	Tilon	253		3.6	15.8
218	174	Tolvo Persons	208	+1	3.7	17.4
21	13	Tudo	20		11.1	
83	53	Unigroup	80			
83	53	Waterhouse	80			
124	83	Wates	106	+3	2.1	19.5
249	113	Wimpey Gr	139	+2½	5.5	15.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

3½	1½	Acsplo Ltd	1½			
110	57	Aqo Hole	65			
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7			
49	20	Blaks Arrow	27		9.2	6.7
110	70	Br Biosciences	73			65.5
25	5½	Card Gp	7			16.0
10½	5½	Chemrer	6		2.3	18.0
157	109	Cossil	136		1.2	18.7
207	188	Fitzpat	198		3.0	23.6
1457	1150	Hemson	1457		3.7	12.3
334	254	Hazelcos	268		3.7	13.6
141	109	Lergh	141	-1	6.9	13.6
147	107	Metro Gpt	115		6.7	12.6
316	207	Photo-Mtrx	307		4.1	21.7
60	39	Print & Ser	54			
51½	5½	Porta Group	8½			
	5½	Redrow	7½			
73	73	Shanks & McEwan	78		3.4	
244	163	Smeaton (Hmpt)	165		9.5	12.3
294	175	Waste Mgt Int	276	-12		

CHEMICALS

156½	109	Allied Colloids	119½	+½	2.5	16.9
790	705	Amber Ind	783		3.4	15.5
2141½	1106½	BASF DM	2152½	-359½	4.9	
661	551	BOC	657	-1	4.4	15.8
3854½	2736	BTP	3795	+2	5.3	14.4
2168½	1579½	Bayer DM50	2154½	+106½	3.8	
171	97	Biagden	104		4.9	48.6
131	98	Brent Chemict	120		3.8	16.7
348	210	Br Vitan	252	-1		
26	16	Cancemarge Sc	26		4.4	34.8
238	153	Canning (W)	206		4.2	30.3
380	307	Cmertrades	345	+4	4.0	15.2
353	324	Crocs	350	+16	4.3	
254	195	Dowties	158		3.6	23.4
49	39½	Euro Colours A	41		3.8	10.9
149	110	Gelbond'G	116		7.6	11.7
108	108	Hickson	131	+39½	3.9	
2168½	1108½	Hoechst	2133½		3.3	
1548½	1153½	Holiday Chem	1941	+37½	4.1	32.2
868	680	IMI	838		4.1	
1515½	977½	Kalon	1128	+14½	4.2	14.5
643	620	Laporte	660		2.3	
48	28	MTM	30		4.1	14.7
400	290	Minorco	303		4.1	21.0
1167	1060	McLeod Russel	1150		10.3	8.7
52	32	Mondelez	43½		4.3	21.0
3554½	2858½	Monsanto	3001		2.0	20.7
365	265	Ponsard	2049½	-½	3.6	16.5
211	186	Scapa	198		4.9	10.7
2½	1½	Scientific Spealty	1½		1.3	8.9
656	556	Toledo Chem	736½	+3½	6.2	19.2
380	325	Wardle Storeys	345	+1½	3.6	
230	186	Wetherspoon HdgI	195		3.1	16.0
578	570	Weinhomer H	570		3.2	15.2
334	334	Yorks. Chemrt	340	-1	3.4	18.2
298	298	Yule Catto	298			

DISTRIBUTORS

122	93	ABI Inc	93		5.5	10.7
317	248	Acal	263	-1	3.0	15.9
585	253	Adams & Harvey	545		3.6	6.8
31	17	Alexanderst	17		7.4	6.3
175	88	Applegrand	98	+7	7.6	16.9
6	3½	Asc Br Eng	3½		17	26.8
578	495	BSC Group	522		4.3	18.8
25½	17	Bearing Power	21		6.0	10.8
48	26	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	11.0
370	288	Blamman	349		4.7	19.4
31	17	Bridgend Gp	17½		3.0	65.0
99	78	Brit Fittings	93		3.0	
31	26	Brown & Tawse	26	+3		
36	26	Burdorne	26	+2		6.9
465	240	Caltrex	345	+3	5.8	20.9
59	12	Castle Pic	17		8.1	9.4
150	66	Central Mort	70		4.9	46.6
51	32	Cook (DC)	36		4.9	11.8
342½	197½	Dowlt	251	+6	6.5	10.8
190½	125	Dog Meiton	126		6.4	14.5
663	446	Dominoes El	568		1.4	14.5
629	414½	Duplorna	416	-1	4.1	14.6
588	443	Electrocomponents	466		2.6	20.2
175	133	Electron Houset	155		2.9	13.0
268	205	Ells & Everard	238		4.1	15.9
734	553	Exmoor Ind	655		3.5	15.1
173	87	European Mly	96		5.8	11.4
539½	366	Evans Halshaw	370	+5	4.8	11.6
686	490½	Farnell Elect	543	+2	1.8	22.3
78	58	Fife Inomor	63		6.5	7.8
75	24	Gandalf	25½	+½	5.1	
46	16	Glenchewne	16			17.7
98	69	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
98	58	Halton Hdgs	63			49.2
172	121	Harris (Philip)	167		5.1	14.6
342½	258	Henlys	288		3.8	13.0
191	87	Hodges Tech	87		8.6	9.4
838	98	ICA Int	96		2.5	
699	288	Inchcape	309	+5	6.1	10.3
75	34	Jarvis (Wm)	58			13.4
138	96	Lex Service	105	+7	3.7	9.1
573	277	Lex Service1	305	+7	3.7	16.3
257	162	Lowndes	165	-1	5.7	9.1
20	14	Maltese Gp	14		2.2	
9	3½	Matthews Br	6½			
440	279	Norbain	380		0.7	17.0
108	47	Northcomber	86		1.9	36.5
273	152	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
310	225	Pennington	225		4.5	
238	133	Perry Gp	138		7.6	
216	126	Quickc Group	135		4.4	
166	97	REA	160		4.7	35.1
	5½	2% Recce	2½			
3125	2½	7% Recc Gp	3		8.3	
469	329½	SGF Instit	467½	+½	2.8	
64	31	TLS Range	41		30.6	11.5
265	215	Tarmi Products	237		4.8	15.3
251	151	Vardy (Reg)	178	+1	3.7	15.3
335	240	Wholesale Fncl	243		6.0	6.9
30½	12½	Wills Gp	12½		5.0	6.9
744½	395	Wilshow	705	-½	1.2	23.8
86	57½	Wyke'W	66			19.8
96	61	Young (H)	73		6.2	13.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

282	148	Advest	157		6.7	15.4
380	139½	Amalgamts	255	+2	2.0	21.6
57	43	Amoud	43		5.0	15.0
997	773½	Broken Hill	867	+2	2.3	18.9
491	273	BTR†	317	+3½	5.2	14.6
370	272	BMTY	316	-3½	6.6	11.1
270½	130½	Bunzlard Ind	234		0.3	61.9
91	49	Bobby (J)	83		4.8	11.0
57½	43½	Brierley Inv	44½	-½	9.3	2.6
836	638½	Cisirne	795	+14	3.8	16.4
279½	185	Cookson'A'	276	+4½	4.3	20.3
382	217½	Meaneed	236½	+2½	4.2	16.5
230	136	Hanson Cr/Ad	151	+4	7.5	17.2
365½	269½	Hetch Whemp	274½	+1¼	2.6	19.7
710	409½	Jardine Math	570½	+8¼	2.5	13.1
77	55	Jourdan (T)	28		4.5	27.8
172½	124½	Lennon	143½		3.9	26.3
44	16	Porter Chadbn	41			
685½	447	Powell Duffryn	483	+8	6.7	13.0
164	118½	Ropner	126		7.6	14.1
439	337	Rothmans	475	+8	5.1	23.0
34½	9½	Sellers	14½			
163½	105	Sime Darby	145		3.0	18.7
459	337	Tarmac	391		6.2	51.8
267	164	Staveley	168	+2	6.3	
230	148	Stuart	154		7.7	
258	220	TT Group	237	+9	2.9	14.4
283	202	Trafalgar	242½	+11½	4.0	15.6
124	56	Trafalgar H	56	+1½	2.2	
440	245	Unidare	295		6.0	
324	248½	Wassall	248	-1	2.1	
13½	9½	Wagneyt	9¾		2.6	14.6
414½	309	Williams Hdg	325	+4	5.3	15.5

ELECTRICITY

884½	554	East Midlandst	695	+2	5.7	25.4
786	536	Eastern Elect	576	+2	5.3	12.6
765	534	London Elect	618	+5	5.0	9.3
621	434	Manweb	548	+3	5.0	10.5
845½	547	Midlands Elect	619	-6	5.0	9.5
530	404½	National Power	432½	-2½	4.5	11.9
1138	989	Northern Elec	1040	+13	5.6	7.6
621	395	Nthn Ireland	536		4.6	8.9
867	587	Norweb	645	+1	4.7	9.8
612	449	PowerGen	470	-3	4.0	10.1
477	393	Hydro-Elect	395	+1	5.3	9.7
486	369½	Scottish Power	395½	+1	4.9	10.3
498	399	Seeboard	454½		4.4	9.7
912	561	Sth Wales	698	+2	5.6	8.9
988	561	Sth Western	698	+2	4.9	8.5
1027	740	Southern Elect	817	+4	4.9	9.0
909	599	Yorkshire Elec	657	-6	5.3	11.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

109	63	Acorn Comp	82½	-1½		
550	478	Admiralt	535	+2½	3.6	
470	362	Alcatel	465		3.1	16.0
250	139½	Amstrad	164	+1½	1.8	
39	24	Arlen	33			
391	118	Aztec	189½		1.4	16.5
172½	121½	Br Sisal	164½	+2½	2.7	19.9
210	125	Bristol Hdgs	138		4.6	11.2
216	126	Computer Sc	203	-3	5.8	17.0
283	235	Beales Hunter	235		5.3	12.5
16	9½	Bensley Bus	6			
535	402	Bicc	458		3.1	15.4
390	290	Boothorpe	368		2.9	17.4
21½	14½	Bullpit (AF) 'A'	18½		1.7	10.8
263	185	CML Micro	185		4.1	11.8
67	52	Channel Hdgs	53		4.7	9.4
39½	19½	Chloride	19½		0.6	54.6
80	60	Clayhithe	61		5.5	
180	81	Cognymore	140		3.8	
202	139	Cray Electr	151½	+3½	2.1	17.6
478	412	Critchley	467		2.3	19.7
403	269	Dares Sc Sys	389	+2	2.5	29.1
388	451	Detcet	388	+4	2.4	15.6
498	400	Dowlcrest	506		2.4	15.4
76	63	Downing Mills	65	-1	4.9	23.7
1535	1230	Druck	1490	-5	0.8	25.3
3736½	2300	Electrocpts 'B'	3065½	+34½	3.5	
38½	22	Emess	38½		0.4	
4034½	2732½	Enterprise 'B'	3861½	-12½	1.2	
85	56	Eurocrypt	64		3.9	32.8
451	343	Eurotherm	419	+3	1.5	21.6
410	334½	Fancy Group	398		2.5	
283	180	Forward Gp	268		3.7	
61	14½	Forward Tech	61	+4	4.2	
353½	259	GEC†	294	+5	4.7	14.5
191	102	Gearhire	111		3.9	
191	119	Gresham	142		4.9	
193	117	Ind Control	117	-9½	5.3	9.9
386	254	Kenwood App	354		4.6	12.5
1305	730	Kershaw (AF)	1300		3.2	9.6
195	38	Kode	53			
56	32	LPA Ind	32		6.2	22.8
259	250	MTL Instr	259		2.0	
391	210	Marconi-Sturt	367		2.1	18.5
45	31	Micro-Vise	33		1.5	
494	185	Mitel	278	-6		
333	193	Parkdale	333		4.7	13.4
91	60	Pace Systems	77		5.5	19.4
98	72	Penn	85		2.4	14.1
21175	1600	Philips Lop sv	2162½	-9½	2.3	
358	293	Pilcot	294		2.0	18.8
344	275	Pilkn 'A' Vtg†	276		2.0	17.6
140	70	Plessey	135	+6	3.6	
1129	840	Prosec	1116		3.6	18.8
43½	17½	Prestwick	24			
303	181	Pulse	288	+3	1.6	19.3
261	187	Racal Elec	255	+3	2.4	12.6
83	51	Redlance	83		3.6	
368	277	Oxford Inst	319		2.0	18.8
341	218	Powerscreen	249		3.8	18.5
34½	12½	Prosonic Instr	12½		8.5	6.4
108	60	Racal Instal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	62			
95	70	Record	82		5.7	
291	243½	Redstone†	280	+2	2.8	23.0
192	126	Remold	191		2.0	26.5
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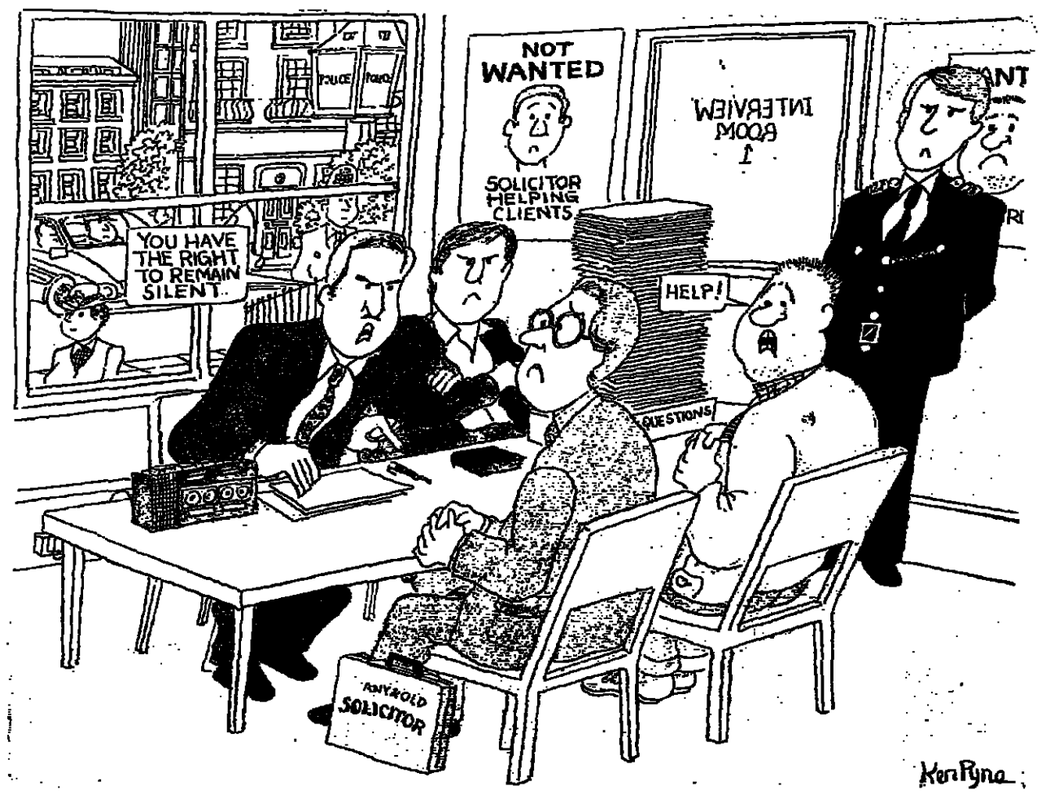
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Why shouldn't a client stay silent?

Roger Ede says that the role of the defence solicitor is worth protecting — from the police



If you ask solicitors to give you advice, whose interests do you expect them to be looking after? If the answer is yours, you may ask why the police are so upset that the Law Society is helping solicitors to look after the interests of suspects who are their clients in police stations.

If charged and convicted, a suspect may face a long sentence of imprisonment. Why should that person be less entitled than you or me to proper legal advice? Yet that is, in effect, what Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was urging when he complained last week that the Law Society had issued guidelines which would "get round the new rules on the right of silence".

The police are disappointed because the right to remain silent will not be abolished when these controversial provisions of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 come into force at midnight on April 9. A suspect can still choose not to speak. The difference is that people will now be cautioned that if they fail to mention something when questioned by the police, it may harm their defence if they later rely on it at court. It is not surprising that most suspects will need their solicitor's advice before they understand what that means.

There will be occasions when a suspect will be justified in staying silent. The police may refuse to tell the suspect the basis of the questioning. The suspect may be in a highly emotional, confused state. The society's guidelines aim to ensure that when a suspect asks what it is best to do, the solicitor will give good advice. How can the most senior police officer in England and Wales complain about that? The new law is complex and if a solicitor mistakenly advises a client to remain silent without a good reason, the client will pay the price unfairly if the court infers guilt.

Over the past few days, senior police officers have stated that they have "lost faith" in our criminal justice system. A cynic might suggest that the reason they have chosen this moment to launch this concerted attack is to influence a new criminal justice Bill which is being prepared, so that it rolls back the current law on disclosure to the police's advantage.

We should all be concerned about this. Miscarriage of justice cases have shown how the police and prosecution can keep evidence from the defence and the court. To create a balance between the prosecution and defence, the fruits of the police investigation must not only be the property of the police and the prosecution, for use in securing a conviction, they must also, in the absence of judicial control over the investigation, belong to the defence, to ensure that all the evidence which points to an accused's innocence is obtained and presented to the court.

By mounting an attack on defence lawyers, the police risk displaying a dangerous disregard for the very system which they are bound to uphold. The one purpose which unites the police, the prosecution and the defence is sustaining the rule of law. Sir Paul is reported as saying that unless the rules are changed, some "street cops" are at risk of bending evidence to convict people they are certain are guilty. Does he mean that these officers are entitled to dispense their own "justice"?

Instead of openly condemning this behaviour, Sir Paul is reported to have called it "noble cause corruption". There is nothing "noble" about lying on oath in the witness box. Perjury is a crime that undermines and poisons the criminal justice system. It can put innocent people behind bars and is so serious that it carries a sentence of up to seven years' imprisonment. It leads the public to mistrust the police and juries to reject even honest police evidence.

The police appear to be saying that they would like to sweep away all the checks and balances in the system. If the fact that a police officer is convinced of the accused's guilt should be sufficient proof, why bother with evidence or a trial? Have the police really forgotten about the presumption of innocence: that the prosecution must prove the accused's guilt beyond reasonable doubt by calling evidence which the defence then tests? Are they really saying that police officers do not sometimes arrest the wrong person? Or is it that, tired of being criticised themselves, the police are merely trying to shift the blame on to the lawyers?

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice reported in 1993, having spent two years at a cost of £2.6 million inquiring into the criminal justice system. It looked at other countries' systems and was unable to find a better model to adopt. In England and Wales, there is a separation of roles between the police, the prosecution, the defence and the judge. The Law Society believes that our system, in which the prosecution is able to make an objective assessment of the police case, an independent defence is free to challenge the prosecution evidence, and the judge is responsible for ensuring that the trial is conducted fairly, is one of which we can all be proud.

● *The author is Secretary of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee.*

TV REVIEW

Heart-throbs of the CPS

Cops and lawyers are staple subjects of TV drama, so a series about crook-prosecuting lawyers should be a hit. How, then, does *Crown Prosecutor* measure up? The producers claim to have been influenced by *LA Law* with "sexy slinky" Crown prosecutor Sheila and "heart-throb" prosecutor Marty. The series is, however, more like *The Bill*, with short episodes about the mundanity of petty crime.

The producers have taken pains to try to get the details right. The CPS office accurately reflects the tacky shabbiness masquerading as high-tech open plan favoured by CPS management, and the prematurely aged, permanently worried branch prosecutor is clearly drawn from life. However, Sheila should have got on with some work rather than merely wandering around the office chatting about her mid-life crisis.

The problem is that the series is drama, not documentary, and there the producers have a problem: the work of Crown prosecutors revolves around the tedious practicalities of the magistrates' court rather than the crown court and its bewigged pseudo-glamour, as exemplified by *Kavanagh QC*. The difference between *Kavanagh QC*, over-long, pretentious and star-dominated, and *Crown Prosecutor*, short, workmanlike and team-based, could serve as a metaphor of the psychological differences between the barrister and solicitor professions.

The programme's very existence will help to raise the CPS's profile and perhaps show that decisions about prosecutions are not as clear-cut as is often assumed by the media.

Police dramas tend to end with the great detective building an impregnable case and the murderer breaking down to confess the crime — everything is now cut and dried and the prosecutor merely has to read the facts to the court. Popular legal dramas revolve around valiant defence lawyers proving that somebody else did the crime, not the accused. For some reason the spectacle of lawyers actually proving that criminals are guilty does not arouse public sympathy.

The actors and producers have worked hard and the programme deserves to succeed. Certainly, the slinky heart-throbs of the CPS will love it.

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Complaints from the Bar

JOHN BIRT, Director-General of the BBC, has ordered an urgent inquiry into the Bar Council's complaints over the documentary *Big Picture: Criminal Injustice*, broadcast a week ago.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, the Bar chairman, has attacked the programme as "a partial and distorted view of the criminal justice system" and called for a balancing broadcast to be transmitted to give a "true picture of how the [criminal justice] system works".

In the BBC2 documentary, Charles Pollard, the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, accused some barristers of indulging in a game in which justice was often the loser.

He claimed that defence lawyers went on "fishing trips", using the rules of disclosure to sift all the evidence gathered by the prosecution.

Mr Birt has asked Peter Dannheisser, the head of programme complaints, to look into the Bar's concerns and to report back as a matter of urgency.

INNS AND OUTS

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Legislation has been recommended by the Law Commission, the Government's legal watchdog, in a recent report on mental incapacity.

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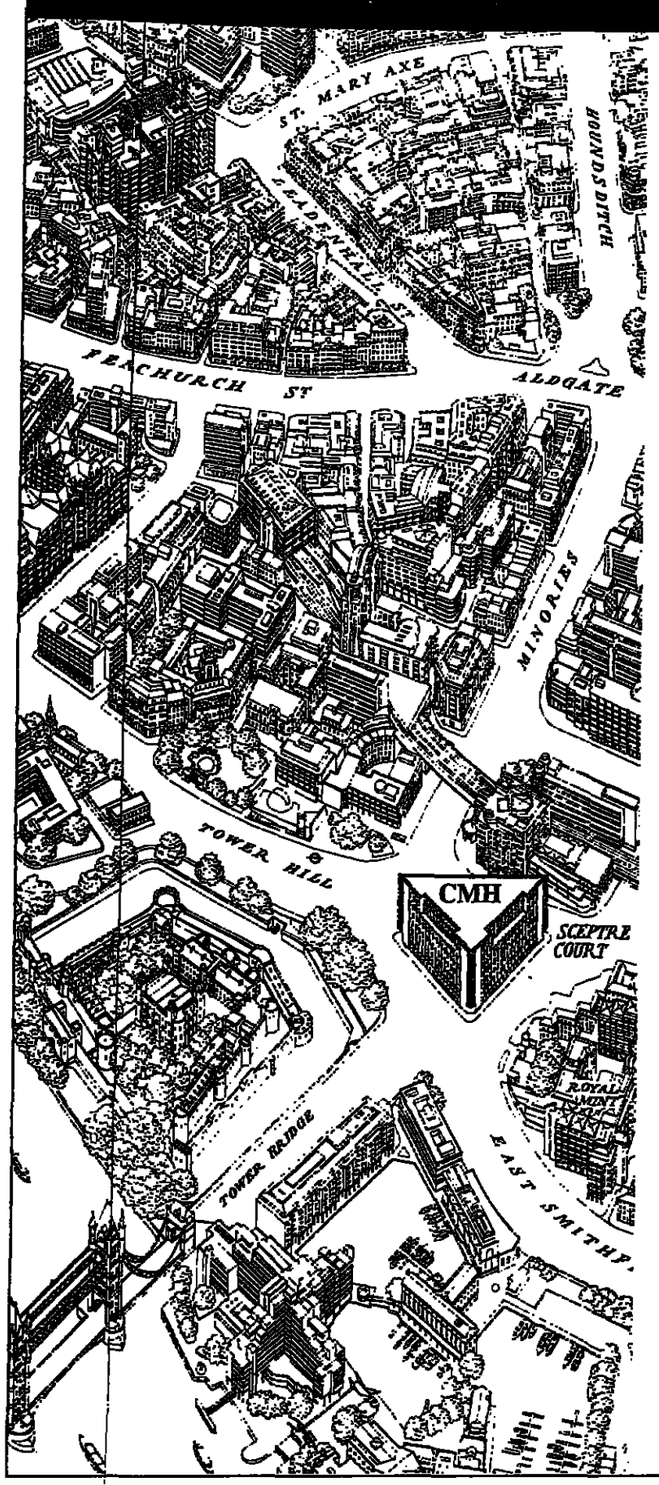
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Observed at the scene of a crime

VISUAL ART: At the ICA, **Richard Cork** enters the nightmarish and disturbing worlds of Abigail Lane and Luc Tuymans

More and more young artists are becoming preoccupied with a sense of damage. Whether mental or physical, individual or social, self-inflicted or perpetrated by an aggressor, injury is a growing obsession. But how can this concern be conveyed? The question is raised in an acute form by *Skin of the Teeth*, Abigail Lane's perturbing installation at the ICA.

Visitors are not immediately alerted to the trouble in store. A small stone dog stands expectant on the otherwise empty floor. On the opposite wall, a large and imposing red abstract reinforces the aura of resplendent grandeur. Then the mood shifts. For the spotless serenity of this initial room is unsettled by the wallpaper. Lane designed it, but far from extending the sense of splendour, the marks on this paper resemble hand-prints and splashes of blood.

Nothing, however, is straightforward. Lane may tempt us to conclude that the wallpaper marks were made by pressing her hands in the giant inkpad, like a criminal suspect recording fingerprints. But a photograph in Lane's catalogue discloses a far more gruesome starting-point. A murder scene in a New York building is reproduced. Before death came, the victim left a cluster of despairing hand-prints on the wall above, and they dribbled forlornly downwards. These are the marks transposed by Lane, who thereby turns the most distressing evidence imaginable into a form of decor.

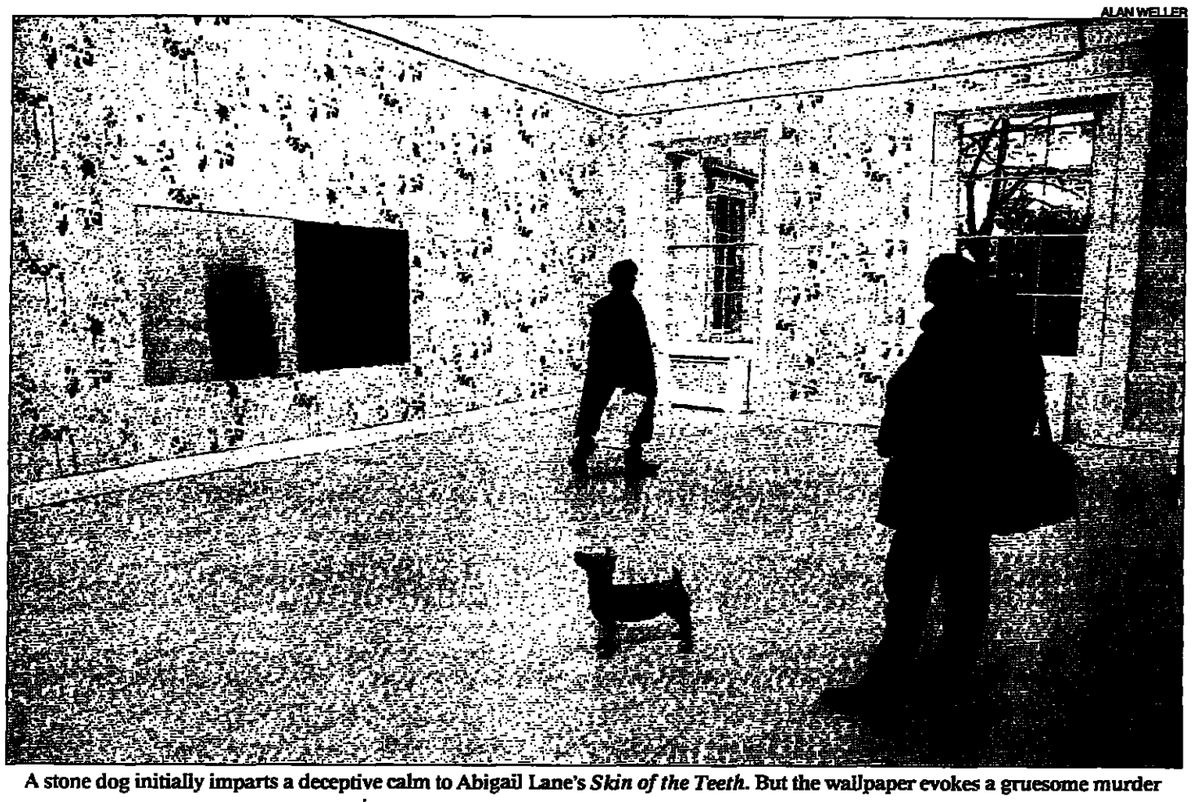
Thus, Lane dramatises the gulf between the horror of raw police evidence and the sanitised refinement of art. No wonder the dog looks stranded. Like us, he has been thrown off the scent.

The same wallpaper is deployed in the next room. This time, however, wax fragments of a figure hang from the ceiling. They become the macabre equivalent of the chandelier which might once have graced Nash's original interior. An upside-down male head is suspended, with eyes closed and mouth open in a frozen cry. He recalls the grimacing bronzes of the 18th-century sculptor Franz Xaver Messerschmidt, many of whose "character heads" resemble catatonic patients in an asylum. But the comparison shows how undisturbing Lane's head really is.

In such an enigmatic context, even the surveillance cameras take on a new significance. Although a routine part of the gallery's security equipment, they become now as suspect as the ICA's safety notice by the windows bearing the terse instruction "In Emergency Pull."

Only on the way out, though, do we experience genuine disquiet. In the far corner of the room, a curious scraping can be heard behind a door. It is shut fast, forcing us to stand there feeling voyeuristic as we eavesdrop. The noises are muffled, and they have the same teasing quality as the rest of this maddeningly ironic show. But they also have the capacity to alarm. Although out of sight, they convey a desperation more persuasive than anything on view.

Is Lane implying that, in our violence-sated age, the artist can only startle by mounting an almost stealthy invasion? This, at least, seems to be the underlying belief in Luc Tuymans's show downstairs at the ICA. Wallpaper turns up here as well, providing the source for a painting based on a childlike image of geese. One of the birds opens its beak, and its visible eye expands into a black void. The more we look at this apparently innocent painting, the less playful it becomes.



ALAN WELLER

A stone dog initially imparts a deceptive calm to Abigail Lane's *Skin of the Teeth*. But the wallpaper evokes a gruesome murder

Its effect typifies Tuymans's approach. For the work produced by this young Belgian painter is slow-burning. Tuymans relies on the power of memory. In the geese canvas, he recalls a nursery wallpaper that frightened him as a child. Most of his art, though, concentrates on fears which arrive only with adulthood.

A woman's breast hangs down in one picture, filling the modest dimensions of the canvas with doughy flesh. Tuymans's habit of cropping an image, so that it is barely identifiable, gives the breast a near-abstract strangeness. But after a while, it looks intensely vulnerable — like the figure in another impressive painting who seems overshadowed or penetrated by a dark, predatory creature.

Tuymans's handling of paint spurns virtuosity. He would rather appear perfunctory than facile, and often ensures that the pigment begins to crack soon after it dries. Conservators must have nightmares, but the damage chimes with the meanings he conveys.

Take the little picture simply called *Body*, the most memorable image on display. Sliced off at the neck and crotch, it is an anonymous and possibly violated figure. Two thin black lines halfway down the torso could represent cuts, but nothing is certain. All we know is that the figure seems fragile, and the cracks running across the picture add to the feeling that disintegration is imminent.

Sometimes Tuymans's understated manner looks merely offhand. One picture is based on a gas chamber from a concentration camp, but without that knowledge the viewer could see it as a dull, scrappily painted interior drained of visual interest. All the same, Tuymans's best pictures ambush us with the surprise of discovering suppressed fear and aggression lurking within the apparent banality of everyday life.

● *Abigail Lane, ICA (0171-930 0493) to April 23; Luc Tuymans to April 30*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

BORN in Pennsylvania and trained in Philadelphia, Anne Estelle Rice arrived in Paris in 1905. She certainly repays rediscovery. The earliest works here show a dazzling Fauve palette allied to incisive draughtsmanship. There are resplendent harbour scenes, a vivid self-portrait, and a sun-drenched beach scene which recalls early Dufy.
Emscote Lawn Gallery, 21 Emscote Road, Warwick (01926 491961), to March 31

☐ A brilliant draughtsman, painter and etcher specialising in exotic subjects, mainly from the Middle East and North Africa, Erich Wolfsfeld was a leading art teacher in Germany until he was hounded out by the Nazis (for being Jewish) in 1939. He came to Britain, only to be interned at the outbreak of war. He died in 1966. The present extensive show proves that work which has so triumphantly survived both persecution and unfashionability can survive anything.
Belgrave Gallery, 53 England's Lane, NW3 (0171-722 5150) until Saturday

☐ Sally Hunter's current show centres on a collection of more than 60 watercolours, drawings and gouaches by Vivien John, daughter of Augustus, who died last year at the age of 79. Her work is fluent, skilful and decorative. But surrounded by even the lesser works of Augustus and Gwen John, Matthew Smith, Roger Fry and others she knew well, she does rather recede.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

HIGHLAND FLING: Matthew Bourne's "romantic wee ballet" returns to London for a three-week season. A spoof of *La Sylphide*, updated to a setting in present-day working-class Glasgow, it has riotous tartan designs and spirited performances by Bourne's group AMP.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight, 8pm; tomorrow, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

SANDRA BANKS: A second solo London exhibition for this South African artist whose main inspiration is the human figure. Earthy palettes with the occasional flash of colour and a clear lack of sentimentality are a speciality of Banks's current, striking, work.
Harriet Green Gallery, Silver Place, W1 (0171-287 8328). Tue-Fri, 11am-6pm; Sat, 12noon-6pm. Until Apr 15.

D'OYLY CARTE ON TOUR: The company resumes its tour this spring with further performances of the glamorous *Die Fledermaus* and a truly sparkling, brilliantly set *HMS Pinafore*.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-278 8916). *Fledermaus* tonight, 7.30pm; until Apr 1.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Simon Rattle and the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** take on an epic programme this week as part of the Fortes festival. Shostakovich's *Symphony No 8*, the Four Sea Interludes from Britten's *Peter Grimes* and Schoenberg's Piano Concerto (Tues, Thur) with Alfred Brendel, or with Szymanowski's First Violin Concerto (Wed) with Thomas Zehetmair. Plus a late-night free treat tonight from the **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group**. Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Thurs in **London** (0171-928 8800) and Fri in **Cardiff** (01222 371236). All at 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Three intimate pieces of music theatre by 20th-century composers are offered this week as part of the **Royal Northern College of Music**'s highly acclaimed music theatre project. Nicola LeFanu's *Dawnpath*, Benjamin Britten's *Phaedra* and Robin Grant's *I AM*. *In search of John Clare* make up the triple bill.
RNCM, 124 Oxford Road (0161-273 4504). Tonight, Thurs and Fri, 7.15pm.

SHEFFIELD: Clara Higgins and Harriet Walter as two schoolteachers accused of being lovers by a brat student. Howard Davies directs the National's outstanding production of Lillian Hellman's **The Children's Hour**, at the end of its national tour.
Lyceum, Norfolk Street (0114 2769922). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 3pm.

WINCHESTER: English Touring Theatre take **The Importance of Being Earnest** on a 13-week tour, with the formidable Bette Bourne as Lady B. Nicholas Wright directs.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street (01962 843434). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 1.30pm and Sat, 3pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Contemporary Print Show (0171-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: The Byzantine Treasures from British Collections (0171-636 1555) ... **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson, Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) ... **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance, final week (0171-839 3321) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) ... **Tate**: Willem de Kooning (0171-887 8000) ... **V & A**: The Ironwork and Glass Galleries (0171-938 8500) **Whitechapel**: Kiki Smith (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on lest.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER**: Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **HOW TO LIVE**: Volcano Productions' hilarious pastiche of Ibsenite naturalism — five plays manically fused together — also makes serious points about an artist's relationship to his work.
Watermans, High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; final week.

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **LUCKY**: The inner world of an autistic boy. Latest of David Glass's thrilling pieces of visually arresting physical theatre, written and performed by Glass, directed by Rae Smith.
Young Vic Studio, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Tonight-Sat and Mar 29 to April 1, 8pm.

☐ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**: Terry Hands's first production here, after his long time in charge of the RSC. Denis Quilley plays the fat knight and Richard McCabe an insanely jealous husband.
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm.

■ **THE PRESENT**: Australian control freaks bewildering a naive young Brit. Nick Ward's latest, excellent acting but weird stuff.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, final week.

☐ **THE STRIP**: Phyllis Nagy's new play follows sundry oddballs converging on Las Vegas. Don't expect great linear progression, enjoy it as a post-modernist mosaic. Steven Pimlott directs.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 7.

☐ **UP'N'UNDER**: John Godber's rugby play, done by Hull Truck. Enthusiastic' n 'simple. Leave your brains in the changing room.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **THE WINTER GUEST**: Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) ... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ... ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) ... ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ■ **Three Tall Women**: Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

EDEN VALLEY (15): A father, a son, and harness racing. Raw slice of life from northeast England and the Amber Films collective.
ICA Cinematheque (0171-930 3647)

IMMORTAL BELOVED (15): Gary Oldman is Beethoven, but the film still ends up worthy and dull. Writer-director Bernard Rose.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **I.Q.** (U): Albert Einstein steers his niece towards romance with an ordinary Joe. Overly cute comedy with Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins and Walter Matthau.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

LITTLE WOMEN (U): Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th-century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Gabriel Byrne.
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426-915 683)

◆ **PRIEST** (15): Torment of a gay Catholic priest. Overwrought drama that still packs a punch. Antonia Bird directs Linus Roache, Tom Wilkinson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

MRS. PARKER AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE (15): Alan Rudolph's melancholy and witty portrait of Dorothy Parker and her era. Compelling performances from Jennifer Jason Leigh and a well-chosen cast.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NATURAL BORN KILLERS** (18): Warped lovers embark on a shooting rampage, with the media in pursuit. Wearisome excess from director Oliver Stone, with Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Electric** (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NELL** (12): Doctor Liam Neeson nurtures backwoods wild child Jodie Foster. Well acted, well meant, but glutinous. Director, Michael Apted.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield), but not enough bite, or relevance.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **RUDYARD KIPLING'S THE JUNGLE BOOK**: Muddled live-action adventures of jungle boy Mowgli. With Jason Scott Lee, Lena Headley, Cary Elwes. Director, Stephen Sommers.
UCI Whiteleys (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION**: How to survive long decades in prison. Engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Director, Frank Darabont.
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Renaissance man due a revival

POP: Kris Kristofferson, country music's former Highwayman, stands and delivers; Dodgy throw a party, and everyone pays to be there

Kris Kristofferson
Grand, SW11

The vocabulary of the Texan songwriting establishment was clichéd to the point of self-parody by the time Kris Kristofferson achieved his first substantial hit. It was 1969, and the voice that carried *Me and Bobby McGee* into the country charts belonged, not to him, but to Roger Miller. No matter: the record's direct yet atmospheric lyric and blues-influenced mood stood out instantly among the sentimental ballads favoured at the time, attracting the attention of Janis Joplin, who would later record her own definitive rock interpretation of the song. As a result, Kristofferson quickly found himself cast as a country maverick, a trailblazer for a new Nashville. Twenty-five years on, we must look for reasons why he has been marginalised lately by a community that once he helped to turn upside down.

Doubtless, his consistently radical politics have been a factor. Then there is the contempt bred from over-familiarity: for a while, he and his then-wife Rita Coolidge were as oft-photographed as are Hugh Grant and Liz Hurley now, and participation in Barbra Streisand's unfortunate remake of *A Star is Born* in 1976 has overshadowed for many the fact of an impressively varied and accomplished film career. But perhaps changing tastes are most to blame. At least a handful of his most famous compositions have become 20th-century standards, and so have been supper-clubbed to death by cabaret acts the world over. In summary, then, he has been too successful at too many things for the good of his musical reputation.

It is all the more welcome, then, that he should begin a lengthy tour of small venues in Britain and Ireland with his relaxed and low-key performance before a capacity crowd in south London. Although now a totally improbable 58, it was at once clear he could still weave that movie-idol magic: during a 90-minute set, mature female hands were constantly reaching across the footlights in the direction of Kristofferson's bare-muscled arms and blue-jeaned legs. Meanwhile, a generation of fan that likes its country post-Kenny Rogers but pre-Garth Brooks was well rewarded by a singer whose best songs — *Loving Her Was Easier (Than Anything I'll Ever Do Again)*, *Help Me Make It Through The Night* and *Sunday Morning Comin' Down* among them — transcend fashion.

The singer has not been seen here since 1993, when he toured with Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. On this evidence, a critical reappraisal similar to that recently afforded the first two of those three Nashville stalwarts is well overdue.

ALAN JACKSON



Kris Kristofferson: is there anything he can't do better than most?

Thumbs up for thumbs down

Dodgy
Astoria, W1

THE triumvirate of popsters who call themselves Dodgy have the kind of serene attitude to fame and fortune that has had their career moving up the hill in a leisurely second gear for a couple of years now.

This scenic route to success is now bringing rewards. Each of Dodgy's last three singles has reached a higher peak in the Top 40 than the one before, the fun-for-all-the-family style of each release ill-rewarded by its short shelf-life.

Their hedonistic nature and the flippant name of the group smack of something more parochial than the aspirations of world domination usually associated with those who rock and roll for a living. But as the hits and the venues grow larger, so it emerges that (a) this band can play and (b) there is no reason why they should not sell records by the trailer load.

Lead singer Nigel Clark welcomed us to "probably our biggest gig ever" at a seething, sweating Astoria, and almost immediately launched into the evening's birthday dedications, underlining the fact that Dodgy is a band of the people, more of a social gathering than a pop group.

Musically, they inhabit the period when the Beatles were moving out of pure pop and into soft drugs, but Dodgy aren't afraid to sport some less hip influences on their sleeve: an acoustic *This Is Ours* included references to Crosbie, Stills, Nash & Young's *Find the Cost of Freedom*. A deconstructed version of *Lovebirds*, one of the notable moments from 1993's *The Dodgy Album*, followed.

From their current, second long-player, *Homegrown*, they plucked a ripe and juicy *So Let Me Go Far*, one of several Dodgy ditties with a roof-raiser of a hook and a raucous Astoria choir in support. From the same source came such breezy compositions as *Staying Out for the Summer* and the aptly named *Melodies Haunt You*.

But underneath the surface lurks a band whose disposition for the experimental sometimes takes them into that part of rock history we call "progressive".

The big finish came with the sprawling *Grassman*, a paean to the Dodgy way of life that was clearly not a tribute to park keepers.

PAUL SEXTON

LONDON JAZZ: Great names live up to them

Cool heat with soul

ABOUT half an hour into his trio's gig at the Jazz Café, **Lee Konitz** smiled at guitarist Attila Zoller and pianist Don Friedman, shrugged and said: "Not the hottest band in town, but ..."

Like many of Konitz's statements, musical or otherwise, this apparently throwaway remark contained a wealth of meaning. For a musician still widely regarded as the doyen of the "Cool School", any reference to heat is significant and, from the pause after the "but ..." it was clear that Konitz had more on his mind than simply warming up his band or his audience.

For, while he understands the impulse to pigeonhole him according to the work he did 40 years ago with Lennie Tristano and Miles Davis, Konitz insists: "I've always tried to play as passionately and intensely as possible." And if the vociferously expressed reluctance of an unusually attentive Jazz Café audience to allow his trio to leave the stage after more than two hours of music is a reliable guide, then the 67-year-old Chicago-born saxophonist is living proof that passion can be generated without undue heat.

In a set skilfully balancing standards — even *Body and Soul* received a delightfully oblique reading — with originals, Konitz, Zoller and Friedman demonstrated that the quiet dignity of the slowly spun solo has not been entirely superseded by the in-your-face brashness and stylistic channel-hopping heard in so much contemporary jazz. The trio was cultured and restrained, witty and cogent, but discreetly propulsive, so that the absence of a conventional rhythm section was irrelevant.

The passion and intensity infusing the performance were thus carefully earned rather than overtly sought. All three men, whether soloing in turn on familiar themes, supporting each other, or indulging in a spot of spontaneous collective improvisation, turned in performances of understated but deeply satisfying artistry. They may not have been the hottest band in town, but they were probably the most accomplished.

IT WAS clear even before the **Nat Adderley Quintet** took the Jazz Café stage that they meant business. The band's rhythm section, bassist Walter Booker and drummer Jimmy Cobb, were testing sound levels a good half-hour before the gig began. The band even started on time.

Taking care of business has always been a central tenet of the Adderley creed. Although his stints with Lionel Hampton and Woody Herman infused his playing with the easy swing characteristic of big bands, his most celebrated work, on cornet, has taken place in smaller outfits, most famously in the quintet whose frontline duties he shared with "Cannonball", his legendary brother. It was this group that spearheaded the soul-jazz movement of the late 1950s and through the 1960s in a reaction to what many saw as the over-intellectualisation of bop.

At the Jazz Café, Adderley's band put in two rollicking sets of tight, accessible jazz that tapped into the music's blues and gospel roots but compromised none of its improvisational flair in the process. With the stunning young alto player Mark Gross, and with pianist Rob Bargad contributing rousing two-fisted solos to material by the likes of Hank Mobley and Sam Jones, Adderley's band preached and wailed as soulfully as it ever did.

CHRIS PARKER

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MUSIC: Young talent finds a veteran champion; Germans in Birmingham; a Poulenc farce revived; Ligeti celebrated

A helping hand from the maestro

Sir Georg Solti has turned impresario to advance the careers of young soloists. He talks to Richard Morrison



Sir Georg Solti, guiding the fortunes of prodigies: "I started at the worst possible time. By the time the war ended I was the oldest beginner in the history of music"

To see Solti's name on a London concert poster is hardly a surprise. For the past 40 years the great conductor, now 82, has never been far from the centre of British musical life. But there is something different about the wording of *this* poster. "Sir Georg Solti presents Patricia Pagny and Lora Dimitrova," says the advertising for the Wigmore Hall on April 28. Sir Georg Solti *presents*? What is this — a new competitor for Victor Hochhauser or Raymond Gubbay? Well, in a way. But only for one day a year.

The conductor has decided to hire the Wigmore Hall each spring and underwrite the costs of a recital by young musicians that he can recommend wholeheartedly. And recommend them he will, from the Wigmore platform before they start to play. What's more, he is expecting the hall to be bursting with agents, impresarios, orchestral managers and record-company bigwigs. Solti is particularly emphatic about that. If I were them, I would make sure I was there.

The idea is so useful that it should perhaps be widely adopted. If every eminent and well-off musician put aside a few thousand pounds each year (tax-deductible, presumably) to promote deserving younger artists, the stagnant music profession would be transformed. But how did Solti dream up the scheme?

"I listened to the French girl, Pagny, because I had promised a friend that I would. It was in Paris: I was tired; the last thing I wanted to do was hear another pianist. But when she started playing, I suddenly sat up. Ah, this is good! About six months later I had a cancellation in Chicago, and I gave her a chance. That was very successful.

"As for the Bulgarian, Dimitrova, that is a stranger meeting. She came to my house to accompany a singer who was auditioning for me. The singer wasn't anything very much, so I began listening to how well the pianist was playing. I said to her: 'could you stay and play me something?' She was very good. But she was married to an Englishman and expecting a baby, so I didn't hear any more from her, and forgot about her. Many months later, however, she called me and asked to play for me again."

So Solti devised a Wigmore recital that would introduce both pianists to London. "And I will do it once a year from now on. Next year's programme I have already agreed: I am going to put on three Russian sisters, the Bekovas. It is a funny story how I met them. I was learning Shostakovich's 13th Symphony — *Babi Yar*, with Yevtushenko's poem — and I needed help, so I turned to a Russian teacher at the London School of Economics. He was very good, both with the language and with the history of the work.

"Well, I wrote to ask how much I owed him, and he said 'nothing, just listen to these three girls who came out of Russia as refugees; they are a piano trio.' I said 'my God, who the hell wants a piano trio these days?' A very unhappy combination! But after I heard them I realised that they deserved a chance."

Certain London orchestral players who have been on the wrong end of the Solti scowl — or worse still, the Solti howl — may find it difficult to list kindliness as a prominent trait of the veteran maestro's personality. But this is not the first time that Solti has helped the young. Several years ago, when he went back to Hungary for the first time since his exile, he took several brilliant young Hungarians under his wing and gave them concerts in London.

Then, last year, he led the remarkable Solti Orchestral Project at Carnegie Hall in New York. Eighty young instrumentalists, just starting out in the profession, were given a fortnight of orchestral playing with 15 of the top principals from the big five American orchestras.

"I had them together two weeks," says Solti. "First I auditioned 220 young players in three days: it was my world record. I had to hear them myself; if you leave it to professors they only push their own pupils. Then every morning we had a tutti rehearsal, every afternoon a group rehearsal. I went from group to group like a hospital doctor. The results were amazing. We will do it again, but not next year. It cost too much money. We paid the young people only travel, hotel and $40 a day living expenses; even so, it came to a million dollars, all donated by private sources."

The idea was to nurture the next generation of top American players. Could such a project happen in Britain too? "Of course, the talent is here," Solti says. "But the money is much tighter. I'm not saying it is not possible. Who knows . . . maybe the lottery."

Why does a musician of Solti's eminence expend so much energy on nurturing the young? Perhaps, he suggests, because the memory of his own early struggles is still strong. "I started at the worst possible time. In Budapest in the 1920s we had horrendous inflation. My mother bought bread and milk every morning because by evening the same money was worthless. We had Fascism, we had Communism.

"Then came Hitler. I was 21 when he took power in Germany. By the time that evil was over, I was 34 and had hardly conducted a note. I was the oldest beginner in the history of music. And yet I do believe that I have a guardian angel — otherwise I wouldn't be here."

Now it is Solti's turn to play guardian angel.

Serious business

CONCERT

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THE Cologne Radio Symphony Orchestra is not here, we may be sure, for the stronger currency. It is not here to parade its virtuosity either: under its principal conductor Hans Vonk it gives the impression that it would be embarrassingly frivolous to do any such thing. It came to Symphony Hall, Birmingham, to play Bruckner, a mission clearly so serious that even Beethoven and Bernd Alois Zimmermann seem in retrospect to have been little more than preliminaries.

In fact, Zimmermann's Concerto for String Orchestra is not one of his most awe-inspiring works. Written in 1948, not long after his student days in Cologne, it is an accomplished exercise in neo-baroque with a little Bartók, more Stravinsky and nothing of the individuality Zimmermann was to develop before his unhappy death 25 years ago. In the unlikely event that anyone in the audience was alienated by that score, Lars Vogt was there to put things immediately right in a finely coloured, precisely and clearly articulated (and almost as stylishly accompanied) performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat.

It was evident by now that one of the major assets of the Cologne Radio SO is its well-tuned and neatly blended woodwind. The quality of the strings was less certain. Though the cellos and above all the violas distinguished themselves in the Bruckner, the comparatively ill-focused violin sound remained unattractive. But the brass is equally important in the Fourth Symphony and on the whole the horn section fulfilled its lyrical responsibility with as much grace as romantic splendour.

The rigid structural economy which so many of his colleagues exercise in Bruckner symphonies was missing in Vonk's interpretation, and the finale was not overwhelming. But his sensitivity to the emotional inspiration of the harmonies and the significance of the modulations made the development of the first movement and much of the Andante a particularly poetic and personal experience.

GERALD LARNER

FESTIVALS: Forties comedy on the South Bank; Ligeti at the Royal Academy

Farce with a flat edge

OPERA

Les Mamelles de Tirésias
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There is nothing incongruous about Poulenc's one-act surrealist farce featuring in a series as earnest and admirable as Sir Simon Rattle's "Towards the Millennium". The cross-dressing jokes and male child-bearing are only one side of a piece suffused with joy, warmth, optimism and — if I may briefly reclaim the word — gaiety. Both on those counts and for its injunction to the audience to "go and make babies", it was as much needed in 1944, when Poulenc composed it, as was Apollinaire's play in 1917. As unimaginable horror recedes, a new era must dawn. *Mamelles* is absolutely of its time.

Sadly, Friday's concert performance was not in every respect worthy of it. Putting the soloists behind the London Sinfonietta seemed utterly dotty: they had to work hard to establish contact with the audience. The surtitles — a first for the QEH? — were bluntly naff: "Bugger off" somehow doesn't have the witty insouciance of "Mange tes pieds à la Sainte-Menehoud", and "fish and chips" for "brandade et aïoli" really said it all.

Worse, one or two members of the cast made the fatal error of letting on that they were in a comedy: once you have Philip Langridge (the Husband) being cute in a cloche hat and Nigel Robson smirking knowingly as his blackmailing offspring, the whole delirious farce is in danger of falling as flat as Thérèse's *poitrine*. Thank heavens for Simon Keenlyside, po-faced as the Theatre Director and the Gendarme, and for Barbara Bonney's cool Thérèse Tirésias.

Rattle plainly loves the piece to bits, but there is such a thing as too much kindness. Arty phrasing, highlighting individual woodwind lines, inserting tiny pauses to point a particularly luscious passage are not what this score needs: just as on stage, it's wiser to stand back, play it straight, and *then* it's funny. More astringent overall sound would have been welcome, too: at times it sounded more like César Franck than Poulenc. Modified rapture indeed.

There was music-making of an altogether higher order in the first half. Boulez's *Le Soleil des eaux* stems from incidental music for a René Char play in 1948 when the composer was 23; he revised it extensively in 1965. It takes the form of two songs for soprano, one with chorus, both highly complex but with a transparency of orchestral timbre and flashes of wit that could only be French. Lucy Shelton sang with astonishing sensitivity, and playing and choral singing were beyond reproach. As the piece lasts only ten minutes, we were given an immediate repeat. I could easily have done with a third go.

RODNEY MILNES

Ligeti's elusive poetry in motion

NEW MUSIC

"LIGETI through the Looking Glass" was the tenth of the Royal Academy of Music's International Composer Festivals, which have established themselves as an important fixture in the contemporary music scene. These week-long events have offered, in the past four years, retrospectives of the work of Henze, Berio, Carter and Schnittke, all of whom have presented the student performers with formidable challenges. Yet with the possible exception of Berio, none is quite as elusive as Ligeti, whose often short pieces force a reassessment of conventional modes of discourse, and hence of listening.

The festival included representative works from each side of the divide in Ligeti's career: the emigration from Hungary to the West in 1956. The two concerts I heard, however — by the Manson Ensemble under Nicholas Cleobury on Thursday evening, and the RAM Symphony Orchestra under Elgar Howarth on Friday — concentrated on works from the latter, undeniably more significant period.

Both concerts, clearly the product of intensive, concentrated preparation by the students, evinced an impressively high level of accomplishment. Certainly there was no recurrence of what was reported to be a sense of inadequacy earlier in the week, when Ligeti (a characteristically active and hypercritical presence throughout the festival) demanded the withdrawal of *Ramifications*.

The Manson Ensemble concert culminated in a fine performance of the Chamber Concerto (1969-70), which brings together the two types of motion in which Ligeti typically deals: the fast-moving, dynamic, disjunct mode of, say, *Aventures* or *Artikulation*, and the tranquil, static mode of *Atmosphères* (given an evocative performance the following evening). The second movement of the Chamber Concerto is, as its marking suggests, calm and sustained, but there are disruptive interventions of a strongly rhythmic nature. The final Presto also trades in different modes of discourse based on perceptions of time and rhythm. At the end, it breaks off mid-stream, the ultimate denial of conventional notions of structure and proportion, but a logical result of Ligeti's obsession with movement and the lack of it.



Ligeti: obsessed with movement and its lack

Motion of another sort — a purely mechanical one — is exemplified in the intervening "Movimento preciso e meccanico", an idea taken to its extreme in the *Poème symphonique* (1962) for 100 performing metronomes. The latter is at once an ironic reaction to Cage-type happenings of the Sixties, and a fruitful exploration of the shifts of perspective arising from the superimposition of varying metres.

In *Aventures* and *Nouvelles Aventures*, a pair of music theatre pieces from 1962-65, the preoccupation is not with metre so much as timbre. Three vocalists converse, or dispute, in nonsense vowels that nevertheless convey rapidly shifting emotional states: alluring sensuality becomes vociferous indignation in a micro-second. Without a staging or props of any kind, the singers had to work harder than ever to make their intentions obvious, but Lesley-Jane Rogers, Jane Webster and Robert Rice were a brilliantly resourceful trio.

The Friday concert offered another piece with theatrical connections: *Macabre Collage*, an orchestral suite drawn from Ligeti's opera *Le Grand Macabre* by the composer and Elgar Howarth, who conducted. Sirens, carhorns and deafening noises are features of this anarchic score, and the players entered into its spirit with abandon.

The festival is also an opportunity for student composers to have their works performed. Of the two scores I heard, Paul Newland's savage, ritualised *Peripeteia*, a *Rite of Spring* for our times, was easily the more impressive, and indeed it won the prize for the week's best composition.

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HOW TO ENTER

The winner of Saturday's competition for a trip to St Petersburg was Mr Gordon Campbell from Invergowrie, Dundee. The competition in *The Sunday Times*, for a tour of northern India, was won by Mr Roy Kennedy of Exeter. Yesterday's competition, for a cookery course in Andalusia, was won by Mrs Kath Tobin of Colchester.

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before 3pm with the answers to the following questions. We will contact you later today if you are the winner.

1) In which century did Amsterdam amass great wealth from overseas?
2) Which Amsterdam museum houses Dutch art from the 16th to 19th centuries?

The winner will be drawn from all correct answers received by the time the lines close. Normal Times Newspapers competition rules apply. Calls cost 39p a minute cheap rate and 49p at all other times.

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Chelsea will only proceed with caution



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

How typically English it would be of Chelsea to assume that, in Real Zaragoza, they have drawn the weakest of the Cup Winners' Cup semi-finalists. They are riding for a fall unless they heed the warning from Glenn Hoddle, their manager, that the Spanish team are "a fair side".

Fair? They are darned good. Two results should be written on the Stamford Bridge dressing-room wall: Zaragoza 6 Barcelona 3 and Zaragoza 4 Real Madrid 1. Both scores came last season in the La Romareda stadium, a cauldron of this northern Spanish community when filled to its 43,500 capacity. Zaragoza repeated their victory over Barcelona, albeit by a relatively modest 2-1, in October, when they were leading the Spanish league table after losing only once in nine games.

They are a hardened, experienced, volatile team. They do not travel particularly well and have since slumped to fifth place, behind Real Madrid, in the Spanish league. But anybody from Chelsea who assumes that there is nothing to beat is foolish or ignorant, or both.

In the Zaragoza defence, in front of Andoni Cedrún, the 34-year-old goalkeeper, lie four capable, at times rugged, adventurous men. They are anchored in the "holding" role by Santiago Aragón, 26, who also inspires counter-attacks.

To the right of Aragón, Chelsea may well find Nayim, whose quixotic skills were paraded for a couple of seasons at Tottenham. To the left there is Geli, pronounced "Helly", a player purchased from Santander because, alas, Dario Franco, the forceful Argentinian, has spent more time undergoing treatment than playing for the team.

And those goals? Three apparent misfits score them. Gustavo Poyet, a Uruguayan of explosive pace and aggressive moods, tends to lie deep between Francisco Higuera, a Spanish international, and Luis Eduardo Esnaider, another Argentinian.

Esnaider is both a match-winner and the personification of volatility. At the age of 18, four years ago, he was banned from international football for a year after attempting to butt a referee during a Fifa world under-20 championship game.

Esnaider, born in the seaside town of Mar del Plata, is the wild youth of Argentinian football. His outburst against the referee provoked a fracas in which three Argentinians were sent off and five shown the yellow card. Argentina were banned from the tournament for two years but, as Maradona had shown, talent will always fetch a price.

Real Madrid had already obtained Esnaider's signature and AC Milan were said to be casting covetous eyes in his direction. But, in his year of penance, he lost some of his flair, fight and spite.

Victor Fernández, the youngest coach in Spanish senior football, did what he has also done for several failed Real Madrid apprentices. He offered Esnaider a second home: then he coaxed the skill to the fore and counselled composure instead of nonsense.

The result has been that Fernández, at 34 in charge of Zaragoza for his fourth year, has fashioned around a "lost" talent a team that, on its day, plays irrepressible, attacking football.

"I try to make my team play the football I, as a fan, liked to watch," Fernández says. An educated man who was born in Zaragoza, he studied at university until, while a part-time player, he found himself spending more and more time at the Real Zaragoza training ground, absorbing the wiles and wisdom of two of the world's best-known trainers, Vujadin Boskov and Leo Beenhakker.

A little learning has done Fernández no harm; now it is Chelsea's turn to learn at least respect and understanding of an opponent whom they underestimate at their peril.

Speaking of peril, Fifa has decided to take the world youth championship from Nigeria, which it deems to be unsafe, and handed it to Qatar, taking goals to the desert. Meanwhile, those who have journeyed to Istanbul with England and with Manchester United are sadly unsurprised by a report that a 17-year-old Fenerbahce supporter was killed during fighting last weekend.

Osman Gul was the second Turkish supporter killed in the capital in two years. There appears to be no hiding place from the unwelcome link between football and violence.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Cable TV signs up Tyson for $300m

MIKE TYSON will never again have to worry about financial problems when he comes out of prison on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes). He has been signed up for the rest of his boxing career by Showtime, the American cable television company, for $300 million, according to Frank Warren, the London promoter. Tyson, who has served four years of a six-year sentence for rape, will be whisked away to a secret destination, where a huge party has been planned at which several Bentley cars will be given to guests.

Naseem Hamed, the Yemeni-born super-bantamweight from Sheffield, is close to a world title contest. The opponent is likely to be the winner of the bout between Wilfredo Vasquez, of Puerto Rico, the WBA champion, and Antonio Cermeno, of Venezuela. They are likely to box at Shepton Mallet on May 6 when Hamed will be on the bill.

Kirkland goes through

SQUASH: Angus Kirkland, the England No 15 and world No 24, from Sussex, came through the weekend's qualifying rounds of the Leekes British Open championships in Cardiff in resounding style (Colin McQuillan writes). He finished with a 15-5, 15-8, 15-7 win over Lucas Buit, of Holland, yesterday, only to be drawn for the second year running against the defending champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, in the first round proper, starting today at the Cardiff International Arena. Jansher is a clear favourite to take the title again and is undefeated since losing to Peter Nicol, of Scotland, 13 months ago.

Douglas makes return

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas, 39, has been selected to represent England at the world championships in Tianjin, China, in May, ending his five-year retirement from international competition. Douglas is unbeaten for his team, Grove, in the British League this season. His team-mate, Alan Cooke, will join Douglas in China. Cooke, 28, has also been chosen to play for England at the Commonwealth championships in Singapore next month. The English Table Tennis Association is expected to announce the complete squads for China and Singapore later this week.

New Zealand shape up

YACHTING: Racing for the America's Cup petered out along with the wind off San Diego on Sunday, but that could not disguise the startling improvement by Russell Coutts and his *Team New Zealand* crew (Barry Pickthall writes). They have yet to be beaten, and changed back to their first boat for the semi-final round of the Louis Vuitton Cup challenge trials after testing a new keel shape. During the first two days of racing, the boat has impressed, overcoming poor starts against both *TAG Heuer* and *Nippon '95*.

Advance on three fronts

BOWLS: Scotland advanced to the finals of the pairs, triples and fours in the British Isles women's championships at Ballymoney yesterday (Gordon Allan writes). Mary Price, of England, the 1991 winner, qualified to play Doreen Rowlands, of Wales, in the singles. Ireland ought to have had Belle Dunlop and Margaret Johnston in the pairs final but, after scoring their second six of the match for a 23-18 lead against Joan Hills and Janet Tester, of England, they slid to a 26-24 defeat, dropping a five on the penultimate end.

Matautia moves on

RUGBY LEAGUE: Vila Matautia, the Western Samoa forward, is the first player to leave Doncaster after the collapse of a merger with Sheffield Eagles (Christopher Irvine writes). He signed a two-year deal with St Helens yesterday but will miss tomorrow's match at Leeds. Doncaster is being kept afloat by the Rugby Football League in an effort to find a buyer. Seven other players owed contract payments have been granted free-agent status. Wayne Marshall is returning to Australia after four games for Salford.

Calderwood gets belated call to shore up Scots

By Kevin McCarra

AN INTERNATIONAL manager in need of a favourable result is always likely to arrange a loan of someone else's success. That principle explains the inclusion by Craig Brown, the manager, of Colin Calderwood, 30, in the Scotland football squad for the European championship tie against Russia in Moscow tomorrow week. The Tottenham Hotspur centre half has been a dependable figure in the side which has reached the FA Cup semi-finals.

"Colin is a form player in a form team," Brown said. "He is a diligent marker and a good user of the ball. I would not hesitate to use him in Moscow. He is playing in a big-time atmosphere every week."

The defender was surprised to find himself named in an international squad for the first time. Last summer, even Tottenham seemed to have little use for him and were ready to sell him to Celtic for around £900,000. Only the sacking of the Glasgow club's then manager, Lou Macari, halted the deal.

Calderwood, who previously played for Mansfield Town and Swindon Town, has benefited from the recent change of personnel at White Hart Lane. Since Osvaldo Ardiles was dismissed as manager and replaced by the more pragmatic Gerry Francis, the defender has been impressive. "It was murder early in the season," Calderwood said. "It's all very well playing entertaining football but that is not much use for a defender."

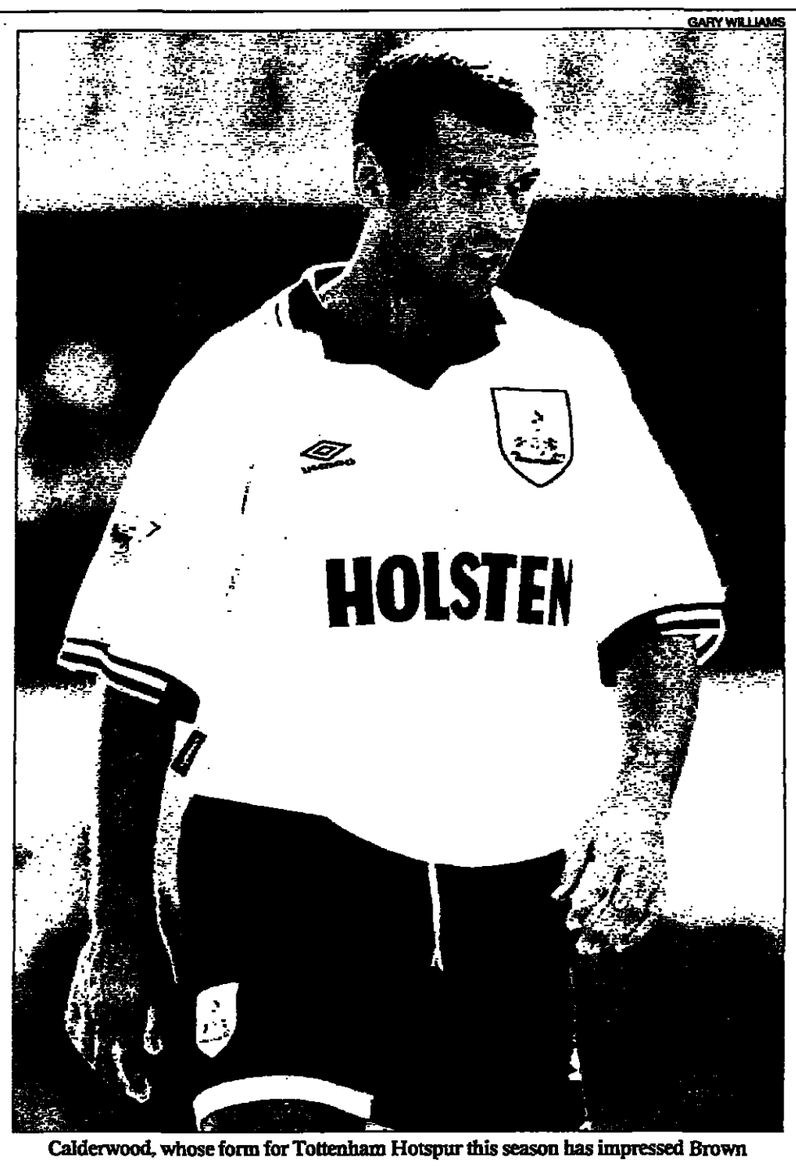
This realism may get an airing against Russia since the squad comprises only 18 players. Injuries and loss of form have limited Brown's options and even this diminished party includes four men — Calderwood, Martin, Jackson and Woods — who are uncapped. John Spencer, of Chelsea, however, could be added to the squad if he plays and demonstrates his fitness against Queens Park Rangers tomorrow.

Brown is reluctant to take risks with any of his slender group. Accordingly, John McGinlay, who will probably partner Duncan Ferguson in attack, will not be permitted to play for Bolton Wanderers in their match with Portsmouth on Saturday.

The forward had been eager to do so since he feared that absenteeism might cost him his place in the Coca-Cola Cup final the following Sunday. So drastic a fate seems unlikely since McGinlay's 16 goals in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division this season will surely be embedded in the memory of the Bolton manager, Bruce Rioch.

Hibernian have signed the Kilmarnock defender, Andy Millen, for a fee of £300,000 plus the midfield player, Billy Findlay.

GARY WILLIAMS



Calderwood, whose form for Tottenham Hotspur this season has impressed Brown

Rush injury casts doubt over final appearance

By Peter Ball

IF BEATING Manchester United on Sunday was the high point of Liverpool's season so far, it may have been achieved at a high cost. The hamstring injury that ended Ian Rush's part in the victory could rule him out of the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley in 12 days' time.

Rush has already been ruled out of Liverpool's game with Tottenham Hotspur on Wednesday and Wales's European championship qualifying match in Bulgaria a week later. "He could be out of the final," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. "We will just have to hope that there is enough time for him to recover."

John Barnes will also miss tomorrow's game but should be fit to join the England party later in the week.

Everton's search for new players continues with inquiries for Craig Short, the Derby County defender, Stan Collymore, of Nottingham Forest, and Brian Deane, of Leeds United, all offering Joe Royle some hope of a signing before Thursday's deadline. There was also an improvement in Paul Rideout's condition after a leg injury.

The only concrete development was Royle's decision to put Graham Stuart on the transfer list. "I've seen the manager and he said he will listen to offers," Stuart said yesterday. "I obviously don't fit into his plans."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan,
Bridge Correspondent

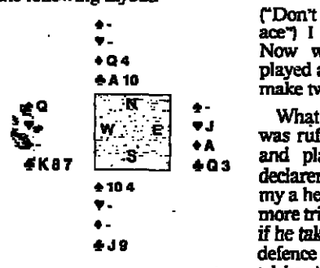
In the wife's tennis friends' game the other day, this combination came up:

♠Q 4 | ♠J 7 3

The contract was 3NT and this was the spade suit. The lead was a small spade and declarer put in the queen, covered with the king; the right hand opponent returned a spade and the defence took the first five spade tricks. Had this combination added up to a stopper, the declarer would have had nine tricks.

I was asked "what should I have done — they told me you should play high from doubleton honours". My answer was "don't put your faith in rules — think out what will happen". Here if declarer plays low from dummy, either East will put up a high spade, in which case the jack will win on the third round, or she will play an intermediate card, and the jack will win. Either way declarer makes a trick out of the suit.

Having pontificated in this manner, the next day I was West in the following layout:



Clubs were trumps and the declarer needed two more tricks. North (dummy) led the queen of diamonds. My partner played the ace and South discarded a spade. At this point I knew the declarer had one spade and two clubs left, but playing on automatic ("Don't ruff your partner's ace") I discarded my spade. Now whatever my partner played allowed the declarer to make two more tricks.

What I should have done was ruff the ace of diamonds and play a club — if the declarer plays low from dummy a heart return ensures one more trick for the defence, and if he takes the ace of clubs the defence also get the last two tricks. At a (semi-) expert level this was no more difficult than playing low from the Qx in the first hand.

The main skill involved was knowing this was actually the position. The reason I got it wrong was that I didn't think through "what will happen".

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

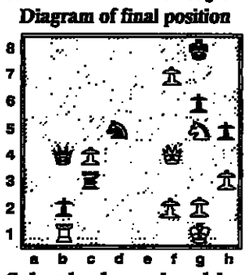
Anand breakthrough

The Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand finally broke the deadlock in his match against American Gata Kamsky by winning the ninth game. Anand now leads by the score of 5-4 with three games remaining.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Gata Kamsky
PCA Candidates, Las Palmas, March 1995
Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	0-0
9	h3	Bb7
10	d4	Re8
11	Nbd2	Bf8
12	a4	h6
13	Bc2	exd4
14	cxd4	Nb4
15	Bb1	Qd7
16	b3	g6
17	Bb2	Bg7
18	Qc1	Rac8
19	Bc3	c5
20	d5	Qe7
21	Nf1	Nh7
22	Bxg7	Kxg7
23	Ne3	h5
24	Qd2	Kg8
25	axb5	axb5
26	Nd1	Na8
27	Nc3	b4
28	Nb5	Nc7
29	Bd3	Nxb5
30	Bxb5	Rad8
31	Bc4	Nf6
32	Qh6	Qf8
33	Qg5	Qg7
34	Ra7	Rc7
35	Ba6	Rb8
36	e5	Ne8
37	Rxb7	Rcxb7
38	Bxb7	Rxb7
39	Qd8	Qf8
40	Ra1	Nc7
41	Qd7	Qb8
42	Qxd6	c4
43	bxc4	b3
44	Rb1	b2
45	Qc5	Rb3
46	Qd4	Qb4
47	Ng5	Rc3
48	Qf4	f5
49	exf6	Nxd5
50	f7+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Schools championship

The second round pairings for British championship for schools are:

Batley Grammar School v Manchester Grammar School: Hampton School v Haberdashers' Aske's School: King's School, Peterborough v Arden School, Solihull; Maidstone Grammar School v St Paul's School: Methodist College, Belfast v Bluecoat School, Liverpool: Monmouth School v Truro School: Perth High School v Royal Grammar School, Newcastle; Southend High School v Ipswich School.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MADERISE
a. To plagiarise
b. A pink paint
c. To become flat

WAMBLE
a. A borborygm
b. To wander aimlessly
c. A marsh bird

ANTIMONY
a. Androphobia
b. Parsimoniousness
c. A poisonous metal

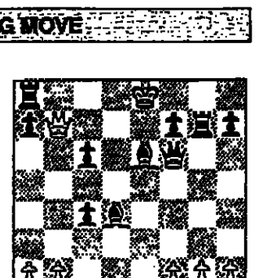
ANTSY
a. Restless
b. Impertinent
c. Attracting ants

Answers: page 38

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Shumov - Jaenisch, St Petersburg, 1849. Black has a powerful concentration of forces on the kingside, while White has no pieces defending in that sector. Not surprisingly, therefore, Black has a winning combination. *Can you spot it?*



Solution: page 38

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

PORTSMOUTH: International match: England 1 Korea 4 (England names first): J Mann lost to Ra Kyung Min 1-11, 3-11; S Archer and C Hunt bt Ha Tae Kwon and Kwang Kyung Jin 15-8, 5-15, 15-9; A Nielsen lost to Park Sung Woo 9-15, 15-7, 16-18; J Dawes and N Beck lost to Kim Shin Young and Kim Mee Hyang 8-15, 7-15; Hunt and G Gowers lost to Kim Dong Moon and Gil Young Ah 7-15, 10-15.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 108 Utah 104; Indiana 103 Chicago 96 (OT), Washington 96 Cleveland 90; Milwaukee 95 Boston 94; Minnesota 96 LA Clippers 93; Houston 114 Philadelphia 103; Phoenix 121 Miami 117 (OT); Golden State 117 Detroit 115; LA Lakers 121 Sacramento 116

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 98 Doncaster 90; Hemel 71 Birmingham 96, Sheffield 71 Leopards 74; Sunderland 62 Thames Valley 113.

BOWLS

SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE: Central Region: Whitchurch bt Christie Miller 85-63 (14-2): Clarrie Dunbar tied with Clevedon 75-75 (10-6); Yate bt Bath 91-75 (14-2). West Region: Street bt Minehead 85-60 (15-1); British Callophane bt Taunton 85-84 (14-2); Woodspring bt Bridgwater 89-77 (10-6); Weston St Andrews bt Donyatt 101-65 (16-0).

LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY: Fourth round: Mote Park bt Dartford Stone Lodge 39-33; Falcon bt Tye Green 43-28; West Berks bt Dorchester 43-41; Cambridge Park bt Pickett's Lock 44-25; Egham bt Old Coulsdon 40-29, Herts Watford bt Desborough, Maidenhead 45-29; Victory, Portsmouth bt Preston, Brighton 47-25; Wellingborough bt Carnerton 35-24.

BALLYMONEY: British Women's indoor championships and Home Internationals: Singles: Semi-finals: England (M Price) bt Northern Ireland (P Smyth) 21-13; Wales (D Rowlands) bt Scotland (C McIntosh) 21-14. Pairs: Semi-finals: England (J Hill and J Tester) bt Northern Ireland (S Dunlop and M Johnston) 26-24; Scotland (A Baird and J Woodley) bt Wales (L Oliver and S Oliver) 21-19. Triples: Semi-finals: Wales (J Davies, S Gough and B Morgan) bt Northern Ireland (M Wilkinson, M Cameron and B Cameron) 15-13; Scotland (M Leishman, V Leishman and R Hutchison) bt England (V Thomson, P Sutton and J Meikle) 12-11. Fours: Semi-finals: Scotland (J McFadrikas) bt Ireland (E Bell) 21-15, Wales (R Jones) bt England (D Hunt) 18-16.

CRICKET

Second Test match
New Zealand v Sri Lanka

DUNEDIN (third day of five) Sri Lanka are 74 runs behind New Zealand with all their second-innings wickets in hand

SRI LANKA: First Innings 233 (C P Vaas 51; C Pringle 3-51)

Second Innings

A P Gurusinha not out	0
D Samaraweera not out	0
Extras	0
Total	0

Bowling: Walmsley 1-1-0-0, Patel 1-1-0-0

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Young c Gurusinha b Vaas	84
D L Murray c Durusinghe b Vaas	0
M J Greatbatch lbw b Vaas	0
S P Fleming run out	66
†A C Parore c de Silva b Vaas	19
D K Patel b Muralidaran	52
G R Larsen c Gurusinha b Muralidaran	18
M Su'a not out	20
C Pringle c S Ranaungra b Vaas	4
K Walmsley b Vaas	0
*K R Rutherford absent injured	0
Extras (b 3, lb 28, nb 15)	46
Total	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-26, 3-140, 4-196, 5-197, 6-244, 7-291, 8-303, 9-307.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 26-6-49-0; Vaas 40-9-87-6; Muralidaran 50-20-77-2, Pushpakumara 16-3-42-0, A de Silva 1-0-11-0; Gurusinha 6-2-10-0

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: River Plate 4 Argentina Juniors 2; Talleres 0 Platense 0; Huracan 2, Racing 2, Boca 4 Deportivo Español 1; Lanus 3 Newell's Old Boys 1; Gimnasia La Plata 1 Gimnmasia de Jujuy 1; Velez 1 Mandiyu 0, Rosario Central 1 Banfield 0; Independiente 0 San Lorenzo 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Vasco 2 Botafogo 0; America 1 Bameira 1; S Cristovao 3 Entremense 1; Itaperuna 1 Olaria 0; Americano 0 Friburguense 0; Fluminense 0 Campo Grande 0; Volta Redonda 1 Madureira 0.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: Nestlé Invitational tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 272: L Roberts 68, 65, 68, 71. 274: B Faxon 69, 70, 64, 71. 275: P Jacobsen 70, 68, 69, 68. 277: S Stricker 67, 72, 69, 69. 278: N Faldo (GB) 71, 73, 66, 68; J Haas 72, 69, 69, 68; D Waldorf 71, 72, 70, 65; M McCumber 69, 70, 69, 70; J Parnevik (Swe) 67, 72, 67, 72; B Lohr 69, 70, 67, 72. 279: G Norman (Aus) 71, 69, 70, 69; S Simpson 70, 71, 70, 68; M McNulty (Zim) 68, 72, 67, 72. 280: P Burke 71, 73, 70, 66; N Price (Zim) 71, 70, 68, 71. 281: C Strange 71, 70, 70, 70; J Morgan 73, 69, 69, 70; F Funk 70, 71, 68, 72; D Love 69, 66, 73, 73. Other scores: 282: V Singh (Fiji) 73, 70, 66, 73. 284: B Langer (Ger) 71, 69, 75, 69, M Ozaki (Japan) 71, 73, 72, 68. 286: C Montgomerie (GB) 73, 70, 70, 73, J M Olazábal (Spi 75, 69, 66, 76; E Els (SA) 74, 67, 77, 68. 287: I Woosnam (GB) 71, 74, 70, 72.

PHOENIX, Arizona: Standard Register tournament: Final scores: (US unless stated): 280: L Davies (GB) 69, 68, 70, 73. 281: B Daniel 69, 69, 71, 72. 283: K Pakarson-Parker 71, 70, 73, 69, R Jones 73, 70, 70, 70; J Pitcock 70, 70, 73, 70; *Wendy Ward 69, 71, 71, 72. 284: M Edge 71, 73, 68, 72. 285: A Sorenstam (Swe) 72, 71, 73, 69; J Geddes 73, 75, 67, 70. Other scores: 288: T Johnson (GB) 72, 72, 73, 71. 292: C Pierce (GB) 70, 74, 73, 75. 296: A Nicholas (GB) 71, 74, 75, 76, 297: S Strudwick (GB) 71, 75, 76, 77; S Maynor (GB) 72, 75, 73, 77

* denotes amateur

COSTA MESA, California: Toshiba Senior Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 199: G Archer 67, 69, 64. 200: D Stockton 69, 67, 64; T Wargo 65, 67, 68. 202: M Hack 67, 72, 63. Other scores: 206: T Weiskopf 68, 67, 71, 207: L Trevino 69, 69, 69, R Charles (NZ) 68, 69, 70. 208: S Hobday (SA) 73, 66, 69. 209: C Peete 73, 67, 69. 212: A Jacklin (GB) 71, 69, 72.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Chicago 3 Winnipeg 2; Tampa Bay 6 Buffalo 1; Pittsburgh 4 Ottawa 3; St Louis 4 Anaheim 2; San Jose 5 Calgary 3, New Jersey 4 Boston 3 (OT).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 9 Peterborough 10; Durham 5 Whitley 5; Edinburgh 8 Nottingham 5, Humberside 6 Cardiff 8; Milton Keynes 5 Fife 12, Sheffield 7 Basingstoke 5. First division: Chelmsford 10 Blackburn 22; Dumfries 6 Lee Valley 3, Guildford 5 Medway 7, Solihull 6 Trafford 12, Telford 4 Slough 8

LACROSSE

MEN: Shepherd's Friendly Society: First division: Heaton Mersey 8 Mellor 5, Ashton-Under-Lyne 7 Timperley 7, Poynton 18 Old Waconians 5, Cheadle 26 Sale 1.

NORDIC SKIING

THUNDER BAY, Ontario: World championships: Men: Cross-country 50k freestyle: 1, S Fauner (It) 1hr 56min 36sec, 2, B Dahle (Nor) 1.57'48.5, 3, V Smirnov (Kaz) 1.58.10 7; 4, G Vanzetta (It) 1:58 51.6; 5, H Forsberg (Swe) 1:59.14 2, 6, J J Guterrez (Sp) 1:59.35.0.

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: British Land amateur championship: Semi-finals: J Snow bt M Howard 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; N Pendrigh bt I Snell 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Final: Snow bt Pendrigh 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Bègles 33 Colomiers 10; Racing 19 Perpignan 22. Pool two: Toulouse 18 Nîmes 11; Toulon 26 Brive 17. Pool three: Montpellier 19 Dax 21; Rumilly 13 Castres 6. Pool four: Bourgoin 16 Narbonne 6, Agen 19 Grenoble 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Fifth round: Askam 4 Thornhill 22; Barrow Island 24 Cardiff Sea Eagles 12; Beoras 8 Leigh East 20; Dewsbury Celtic 16 Mayfield 20; Eastmoor 4 West Hull 17; Farnworth 10 West Bowling 18; Millom 50 Clayton 20; Saddleworth 42 Heysham Atoms 2; Siddal 22 Wigan St Judes 14; Hensingham 30 Folly Lane 18; Walnut Warriors 17 Dudley Hill 12; York Acorn 12 Thatto Heath 10. Postponed: Ellenborough v Chequerfield.

WINFIELD CUP: Sydney Bulldogs 20 Sydney Tigers 12; St George 18 Cronulla-Sutherland 32; Sydney City Roosters 34 North Queensland Cowboys 16, Newcastle Knights 54 Perth Western Reds 14; North Sydney 44 South Sydney 10.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton Championships (US unless stated): Men: Second round: P Sampras bt D Rostagno 6-3, 6-2; K Braasch (Ger) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-3, 7-6; J Siemerink (Holl) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 7-6, 6-3; P Kilderry (Aus) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt Karel Novacek (Cz) 2-6, 7-6, 6-3; B Karbacher (Ger) bt R Reneberg 6-3, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt H Holm (Swe) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; A Agassi bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-2, 6-4; M Washington bt J Ellwgh (Holl) 7-6, 6-1; D Wheaton bt A O'Brien 6-4, 6-2; M Rios (Chile) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-3, 7-6; T Enqvist (Swe) bt R Vasek (Cz) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; T Ho bt B Fromberg (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; A Krickstein bt O Gross (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, J Palmer bt M Knowles (Bah) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; M Larsson (Swe) bt E Ran (Isr) 6-4, 6-3, V Spadea, bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 7-6, 6-3, M Tebbutt (Aus) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; M Ondruska (SA) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; W Ferreira (SA) bt L Herrera (Mex) 6-4, 6-2; M Chang bt J Grabb 6-0, 6-3; P Rafter (Aus) bt J Stark 1-6, 6-4, 7-5. Women: Second round: S Testud (Fr) bt B Rittner (Ger) 7-5, 6-2, M Oremans (Holl) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-1, 6-1; L Raymond bt N Arendt 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, D Monami (Bel) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-3, 6-2; K Date (Japan) bt L Porrun 6-2, 6-3, R McQuillan (Aus) bt A Frazier 6-4, 7-5, A Coetzer (SA) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 6-2; K Habsudova (Cz) bt D Graham 7-6, 6-1; A Smashnova (Isr) bt S Farina (It) 6-4, 7-6; A Huber (Ger) bt J Lee 6-1, 6-2, M Werdel-Whitmeyer bt Y Kamio (Japan) 6-3, 6-4, A Gavaldon (Mex) bt C Wood (GB) 6-3, 6-4, L Neiland (Lat) bt L Richterova (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; B Schett (Austria) bt L McNeil 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; T Tanasugarn (Thai) bt A Keller 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Third round: S Graf (Ger) bt M Drake (Can) 6-1, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt T Whitlinger-Jones 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-1, 7-6; L Davenport bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-4, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt I Demongeot (Fr) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) bt S Cacic 2-6, 7-5, 7-5.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday March 25
unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FIRST DIVISION

1 Bristol C v Southend	2
2 Grimsby v West Brom	X
3 Oldham v Derby	2
4 Stoke v Notts Co	1
5 *Wolves v Burnley	V

Not on coupons: Barnsley v Sunderland (Friday), Luton v Watford (Sunday), Middlesbrough v Port Vale (Sunday); Millwall v Tranmere; Portsmouth v Bolton; Sheffield United v Reading, Swindon v Charlton

SECOND DIVISION

6 Blackpool v Brentford	2
7 Chester v Bourn'm'th	2
8 Leyton O v Shrewsbury	1
9 Oxford v Brighton	1
10 Plymouth v Cardiff	X
11 Rotherham v Hull	2
12 *Swansea v Camb'ge	V
13 Wycombe v Crewe	1
14 York v Bradford	1

Not on coupons: Peterborough v Birmingham; Stockport v Huddersfield, Wrexham v Bristol Rovers

THIRD DIVISION

15 Barnet v Wigan	1
16 Bury v Mansfield	X
17 Carlisle v Scunthorpe	1
18 Chest'field v Hartlep'l	1
19 Colchester v Scarboro	1
20 Darl'gton v Doncaster	2
21 Fulham v Torquay	X
22 Gillingham v Exeter	1
23 Hereford v Rochdale	2
24 Lincoln v Preston	2
25 North'pton v Walsall	X

UNIBOND LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

26 Accrington v Boston	2
27 Droylsden v Whitley	1
28 Emley v Barrow	1
29 Horwich v Knowsley	1
30 Spennymoor v Buxton	X
31 Winsford v Chorley	1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

32 Atherstone v Hastings	X
33 Camb'ge C v Gl'cester	1
34 Corby v Burton	2
35 Gravesd'd v Trowbr'ge	1
36 Slough v Chelmsf'd	X
37 Solihull v Crawley	2

DIADORA LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

38 Carshalton v Purfleet	2
39 Hendon v Cheshm	1
40 Hitchin v Hayes	X
41 St Albans v Slough	X
42 Wok'gh'm v Bromley	2
43 Yeading v Grays	1

SCOTTISH FIRST

44 Arbroath v Dundee	1
45 Clydebank v Raith	X
46 Dunf'mline v St Mirren	1
47 St Johnst'ne v Ayr	1
48 Stranraer v Hamilton	2

SCOTTISH SECOND

49 Berwick v Clyde	1
50 East Fife v Cl'dbnk	1
51 G Morton v Stirling	X
52 M'dowb'k v Dumb'ton	2
53 Stenh'muir v Brechin	1

SCOTTISH THIRD

54 Alloa v Ross	1
55 Calledonian v Albion	1
56 E Stir'g v Cowdenb'th	1
57 Montrose v Forfar	2
58 Queen's Pk v Arbroath	1

* If Friday's match is postponed, pools panel will adjudicate

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Grimsby, Plymouth, Bury, Fulham, Northampton, Spennymoor, Atherstone, Stevenage Borough, Hitchin, St Albans, Clydebank, Greenock Morton

HOMES: Stoke, Oxford, Barnet, Chesterfield, Colchester, Gillingham, Emley, Winsford, Gravesend, Hendon, St Johnstone, Stenhousemuir.

BEST DRAWS: Plymouth, Bury, Northampton, Atherstone, St Albans.

AWAYS: Southend, Derby, Preston, Burton, Crawley

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Stoke, Oxford, Barnet, Gillingham, Hendon Aways: Derby, Preston, Crawley. Draws: Plymouth, Bury, Northampton.

Vince Wright

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Summer jumps campaign takes off

By Our Racing Staff

A SUMMER jumping campaign with over £500,000 in prize-money was unveiled by the British Horseracing Board (BHB) yesterday.

Six courses will stage 21 new National Hunt fixtures, including 13 in the evening, in June and July. Along with £502,850 in prize-money, there will be £20,400 appearance money available, a £16,000 sponsored championship for owners and trainers and a best-turned-out award for every race.

The six courses in the programme are Market Rasen, Perth, Southwell, Stratford, Uttoxeter and Worcester. An evening meeting starts the new season at Perth on June 8 and it ends with another evening fixture at Worcester on July 27.

The courses involved will aim to provide well-watered ground for the new venture and Richard Muddle, of Southwell, said: "It must not be watering just for a specific meeting. Courses should be aiming to keep the water table up, which involves watering earlier and more of it."

Paul Greeves, racing director of the BHB, said: "This will mean we will have jump and Flat racing 12 months of the year. It is a big opportunity and we know all the challenges. The six courses are very alive to it and are going to promote it vigorously."

Lee Richardson, marketing director of the BHB, added: "This is a two-year experiment and 12,000 owners, trainers and jockeys have been contacted with details about it."

Meanwhile, Adrian Maguire put the sad events of last week behind him to make a winning return to the saddle with a double at Uttoxeter yesterday.

He partnered Greville Again, who gamely held off St Mellion Fairway in the Tennents Extra Novices' Hurdle, and then collected the last race on Future King.

It was a triumphant comeback for Maguire, who missed last week's Cheltenham Festival after the death of his mother. Maguire said: "It's nice to be back after eight days off. The longer it went on, the harder it would have been to return, my mind wouldn't have been on the job. The number of cards and messages I have received from people I've never even met has been unbelievable. It meant a lot to me."

The victory was also special for Greville Again's winning trainer, David Nicholson, who said: "That winner has given me as much pleasure as any at Cheltenham last week. I don't know who was the more emotional — him or me — but it's nice to see him back in the winner's enclosure. Just to put Adrian back on a winner meant a lot to me."

Ian Balding, the Kingsclere trainer, is hoping that Crystal Spirit and Spinning will be able to run at Aintree next month.

Crystal Spirit, an Ascot winner, missed the Cheltenham Festival because of a slight setback, but Balding said yesterday: "Crystal Spirit is back in full work and I hope that he will be able to run in the National. There is a slight possibility that he might run at Ascot the previous week."

Spinning has not run over timber since the spring of 1993 as his trainer has been waiting for the ground to dry out. Balding said: "I am hopeful that Spinning will run at Aintree."

But their stable companion, Weigh Anchor, was injured in exercise on Saturday and has had to be put down.

The smart middle-distance Flat performer had recovered from an injury incurred at Royal Ascot last June and Balding had been aiming him at a race at Doncaster this week. Balding said: "He was doing some work in preparation for Doncaster on Thursday when he broke a leg."

Monsieur Le Cure, sixth in the Gold Cup behind Master Oats, will be aimed for the Martell Cup Chase at the National meeting. "He came back from Cheltenham absolutely fine," his trainer, John Edwards, reported yesterday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CAROUSEL ROCKET
(5.20 Newcastle)

Next best: Uncle Keeny
(2.20 Newcastle)

MARC ASPLAND



Crystal Spirit, safely clearing the water at Cheltenham, heads for the National

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP
Doncaster, March 25

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Castel Rosselo	10-1	9-1	10-1	9-1
Country Lover	10-1	10-1	8-1	12-1
Knave's Ash	12-1	14-1	10-1	12-1
Celestial Choir	14-1	16-1	14-1	12-1
Ertlon	14-1	12-1	14-1	14-1
Indian Fly	16-1	16-1	16-1	12-1
Mahool	16-1	14-1	16-1	14-1
Master Beveled	12-1	14-1	16-1	12-1
Moving Arrow	16-1	20-1	14-1	14-1
Chickawicka	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Mellottie	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1

AFTER last week's top class National Hunt fare at Cheltenham, the racing world turns full circle on Thursday with the Brocklesby Stakes at Doncaster marking the traditional start of the Flat season on turf.

It is no coincidence that the first major betting heat of the new season is bookmaker-sponsored. Saturday's William Hill Lincoln Handicap has proved a minefield for punters over the years, largely because of doubts over the effect of the draw and horses' fitness at such an early stage of the season.

However, the odds are no longer stacked so greatly against the punter. The draw appeared to be of less importance last year although a low draw remains a help while more of the field are guaranteed to be fully fit having been given pipe-openers on the all-weather.

Castel Rosselo, runner-up over seven furlongs at Wolverhampton at the start of the month, has been heavily backed in recent days. He finished fourth in the race last year and should go well, but at a best-priced 10-1 the value has long gone.

The lightly-raced Knave's Ash is potentially more interesting. Michael Stoute's charge has raced only seven times in his career, but won first time out last year and was subsequently made favourite for the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot, where he finished a fair seventh. Open to further improvement, he may be a blot on the handicap, but has shown his best form on firm ground.

A better proposition is CELESTIAL CHOIR. A confirmed runner — Joe Fanning has already been booked for the ride — he was not given a hard time when fourth, beaten two lengths, behind Kintwyn at Wolverhampton three weeks ago. Les Eyre's mare improved throughout last season, winning five times, but remains fairly handicapped, acts on any ground and is overpriced at 16-1 with the sponsors.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Provence
2.50 Toll Booth
3.20 LEADING PROSPECT (nap)
3.50 Cash Chase
4.20 Strong Approach
4.50 Forbidden Time
5.20 Zam Bee

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 TIMEFORM DAY AT NEWCASTLE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,155: 3m) (14 runners)

1 00-411P NOW YOUNG MAN 40 (F,G) (Mrs M Mitchell) Mrs A Swinbank 6-12-0 ... N Doughty 87
2 125264 UNCLE KEENY 15 (S) (R Seed) J J O'Neill 5-11-6 ... M Dwyer 90
3 215223 D'ARBLAY STREET 10 (B,S) (J Mitchell) W Kemp 5-11-0 ... S McDougall 92
4 2-401 HAGAR 29 (D,G) (J Charlton) J Charlton 6-10-12 ... A Maguire 94
5 P4/P5P0 NEW CHARGES 11 (G) (Mrs E Barker) P Beaumont 8-10-8 ... C Hawkins –
6 0050-0P BOB NELSON 10 (Mrs C Clarke) P Beaumont 8-10-7 ... R Supple –
7 S00-25P SOUTH WESTERLY 38 (BF) (W Strawson) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-7 ... P Niven 85
8 0050 SLOTAMATIQUE 31 (Slotamatics (Bolton) Ltd) G Richards 6-10-6 ... A Dobbin 89
9 500 PROVENCE 31 (J Simpson) L Lungo 8-10-5 ... T Reed 84
10 32P515 NAWRIK 10 (BF,S) (Mrs J Peutherer) L Lungo 6-10-4 ... I Jardine (7) 99
11 6-0064 OWENS QUEST 7 (London Racing Club Owners Group) T Etherington 5-10-0 A Thornton 87
12 00-50P PETER 10 (C Whillans) D Whillans 7-10-0 ... B Harding (5) 90
13 /302UP REED 21 (F,G) (Mrs G Lindsay) Mrs D Thomson 10-10-0 ... S de Burgh (7) 90
14 0-00U00 ADMISSION 29 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 5-10-0 ... J Supple (5) –

Long handicap: Owens Quest 9-12, Peter 9-10, Reed 9-9, Admission 9-4

BETTING: 9-2 Owens Quest, 5-1 D'Arblay Street, 6-1 Uncle Keeny, Hagar, Now Young Man, 7-1 others.

1994: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM FOCUS

NOW YOUNG MAN beat Manetha ½l in 14-runner novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. UNCLE KEENY 7¼l 4th of 18 to Dominie in novice handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). D'ARBLAY STREET best recent effort 3l 2nd of 6 to Temple Garth in handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, soft). HAGAR beat Cats Run 3½l in 12-runner novice handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (3m, good). NAWRIK beat Carousel Rocket distance in 4-runner handicap chase at Ayr (3m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start. OWENS QUEST 15¾l 4th of 13 to Windswept Lady in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, good). REED best recent effort 4l 2nd of 15 to Alaskan Heir in novice handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) with SOUTH WESTERLY (4lb better off) 9l 5th.
Selection: HAGAR

2.50 TIMEFORM SQUIGGLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS MARES ONLY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,931: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 1145 FAMILIAR ART 21 (G,S) (J Keating) G Moore 4-11-5 ... N Stocks (5) 99
2 5235P2 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 7 (P Monteith) P Monteith 6-11-2 ... G Cahill (5) 89
3 P EMMA'S VISION 24 (Mrs J Evans) M Avison 5-11-2 ... E Callaghan (3) –
4 06-6P00 HARRY'S MIDGET 3 (I Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 5-11-2 ... J Supple 72
5 P00 MAKENA 45 (Mrs A Tomkinson) Mrs A Tomkinson 5-11-2 ... D Bentley –
6 00P/5P-P PREAMBLE 15 (S Chadwick) S Chadwick 6-11-2 ... D Webb (7) –
7 P5P-P43 TOLL BOOTH 171 (J Hope) J Hope 6-11-2 ... B Harding 93
8 6000 COPPERHURST 38 (W Kemp) W Kemp 4-10-7 ... Mark Roberts (3) 73
9 D ROSY LYDGATE 38 (Mrs D Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 4-10-7 ... S Taylor –
10 P35000 TRECENTO 15 (F Dickinson) J Mackie 4-10-7 ... T Eley 89

BETTING: 9-4 Familiar Art, 5-2 Brilliant Disguise, 3-1 Toll Booth, 8-1 Harry's Midget, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FAMILIAR ART best recent effort beat Microlite 1½ in 18-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft). BRILLIANT DISGUISE 11l 2nd of 13 to Windswept Lady in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, good). HARRY'S MIDGET 30l 7th to Keep Batting in selling novice hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start, with PREAMBLE pulled up 2 out. TOLL BOOTH 9¼l 3rd of 6 to North Ardar in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 2f, firm). COPPERHURST 46l 10th of 13 to Emerald Sea in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start. TRECENTO 28l 7th of 16 to Secret Four in claiming hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good).
Selection: BRILLIANT DISGUISE

3.20 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT NOVICES CHASE TAMEROSIA SERIES
(Qualifier: £2,918: 3m) (10 runners)

1 0-501U1 RUSTY BLADE 24 (D,G) (Mrs M Nisbet) P Monteith 6-12-2 ... G Cahill (7) 80
2 223321 LEADING PROSPECT 15 (D,G,S) (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-10 A Maguire 90
3 U33122 SHEELIN LAD 11 (S) (Roman Wall Racing) L Lungo 7-11-10 ... T Reed 99
4 1/122P GRACE CARD 20 (G,S) (G Farndon) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-4 ... P Niven –
5 0040F4 KELPIE THE CELT 15 (Mrs C Braithwaite) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-4 K Johnson 89
6 0-0005 MULLINGAR 21 (J Charlton) J Charlton 6-11-4 ... A Dobbin –
7 3323P-5 RUSSIAN CASTLE 7 (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-4 ... K Jones –
8 0PPP/P THE ENERGISER 7 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 9-11-4 ... Mr A Manners (7) –
9 P42033 WILLUBELONG 7 (W Raw) W Raw 6-11-4 ... M Hourigan 90
10 P05-P0F MIDORI 24 (Mrs A Tomkinson) Mrs A Tomkinson 7-10-13 ... Mr K Green –

BETTING: 3-1 Leading Prospect, 7-2 Willubelong, 4-1 Rusty Blade, 6-1 Sheelin Lad, Grace Card, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

RUSTY BLADE beat LEADING PROSPECT (12lb better off) neck in novice handicap chase at Edinburgh (3m, good). LEADING PROSPECT beat Forward Glen 1½l in novice chase at Edinburgh (3m, good) with KELPIE THE CELT (6lb better off) 49l 4th. SHEELIN LAD 20l 2nd of 6 to Kilcolgan in novice chase at Ayr (3m 1f, heavy). GRACE CARD 30l 2nd of 4 to Baydon Star in grade II Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start, February 1993. WILLUBELONG 9¼l 3rd of 12 to Bavrouge in novice chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good) with RUSSIAN CASTLE 31l 5th and THE ENERGISER pulled up 3 out. Previously 3½l 3rd of 7 to Gimdigo in novice chase at Catterick (3m 3f, soft) with MULLINGAR 32l 5th.
Selection: SHEELIN LAD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Calver	4	11	36.4	L Wyer	16	89	18.0
O Brennan	3	11	27.3	T Reed	19	108	17.6
Mrs M Reveley	23	96	24.0	N Doughty	8	54	14.8
C Parker	4	18	22.2	M Dwyer	9	64	14.1
P Cheesbrough	9	41	22.0	A Thornton	3	22	13.6
J Jefferson	4	20	20.0	D J Moffatt	4	34	11.8

3.50 TIP-TOP TIMEFORM RATINGS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,298: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 03500P- WELSHMAN 181F (D,F,G,S) (C Mckenna) M Blanshard 9-11-10 ... D Gallagher 95
2 243535 COUTURE STOCKINGS 6 (D,F,G,S) (Couture Ltd) J Mackie 11-11-9 T Eley (3) 97
3 221P/00 SACRE D'OR 31 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 10-11-8 ... L Wyer –
4 4-505P0 DEB'S BALL 17 (D,F,G,S) (Miss M Faagher) D Moffatt 9-11-6 D J Moffatt (3) –
5 22004-0 BELLTON 17 (F,S) (R Green) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-3 ... M Dwyer 89
6 16-0631 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 129 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs K Walton 9-11-1 ... J Callaghan 90
7 130314 CASH CHASE 31 (D,G,S) (S Ryan) O Brennan 7-11-1 ... M Brennan 99
8 341420 PLUMBOB 10 (CD,G) (Kenmore Estates Ltd) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-4 A Maguire 96

BETTING: 11-4 Couture Stockings, 3-1 Northumbrian King, 5-1 Welshman, 6-1 Deb's Ball, Bellton, 8-1 Cash Chase, Plumbob, 16-1 Sacre D'Or.

FORM FOCUS

WELSHMAN 22l 7th of 11 to Large Action in 11-runner grade III Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start, February 1994. COUTURE STOCKINGS about 9l 5th of 30 to Chance Coffey in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 5f, soft). SACRE D'OR 77l 7th of 8 to Bibendum in handicap chase at Nottingham (2m 4f, good to soft). DEB'S BALL best recent effort 49¼l 5th of 9 to Overlord in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). NORTHUMBRIAN KING beat White Willow 3½l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft) with PLUMBOB (5lb better off) 20l 4th. CASH CHASE beat Isabeau 4l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. PLUMBOB 15l 2nd of 5 to Dwell Dancer in handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: COUTURE STOCKINGS

4.20 BET-COMPELLING TIMEFORM COMMENTARIES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,583: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 111-31 MR WOODCOCK 31 (CD,F,G,S) (P Tyler) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-10 ... P Niven 99
2 221P23 HOUGHTON 31 (CD,F,G,S) (G Brown) J Johnson 9-10-13 ... A Maguire 94
3 32122P STRONG APPROACH 52 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Carr) J Charlton 10-10-7 ... A Dobbin 97
4 2211F5 DEEP DECISION 43 (D,G) (C Cairns) P Cheesbrough 9-10-0 ... R Supple 87
5 05240P ABSAILOR 29 (V,F,G) (C Lattie-Clements) Mrs S Bradburne 11-10-0 A Watt (7) 88

Long handicap: Deep Decision 9-12, Absailor 9-4

BETTING: 4-5 Mr Woodcock, 5-2 Houghton, 6-1 Strong Approach, Deep Decision, 16-1 Absailor

FORM FOCUS

MR WOODCOCK beat Valiant Warrior 1l in 12-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft) with HOUGHTON (15lb better off) 9l 3rd. HOUGHTON 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Clay County in handicap chase at Kelso (2m 1f, good to soft). STRONG APPROACH ¾l 2nd of 14 to Boarding School in handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. DEEP DECISION 8l last to Dark Oak in handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to soft). ABSAILOR 24l 4th to Tirmafaya in claiming chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good).
Selection: MR WOODCOCK (nap)

4.50 TIMEFORM LARGE P NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,334: 2m 110yd) (21 runners)

1 12213 FORBIDDEN TIME 25 (CD,S) (Mrs J Peutherer) L Lungo 7-11-12 ... T Reed 99
2 0-1434 ANOTHER VENTURE 25 (D,S) (F Wheeler) G Moore 5-11-6 ... N Bentley 87
3 BOWLANDS GALAXY (Mrs L Campion) J Eyre 5-11-0 ... O Pears –
4 305 GORBY'S MYTH 85 (J Greenhalgh) J Leigh 5-11-0 ... N Doughty 79
5 0-60 MATACHON 22 (M Smith) M Smith 5-11-0 ... B Harker –
6 P MISTER TRICK 52 (E Bowcock) L Lungo 5-11-0 ... F Perratt (3) –
7 6/0- RUSTIC BRIDGE 363 (F Calver) F Calver 6-11-0 ... Gary Lyons –
8 0-642P SPEAKER WEATHERILL 60 (Lady Anne Bentinck) O Brennan 6-11-0 M Brennan 98
9 0P0 SUGGESTION 80 (P Kelly) G Coatsworth 7-11-0 ... A Lamach (3) –
10 630F42 VAL DE RAMA 11 (D Morland) Denys Smith 6-11-0 ... P Niven 91
11 00- WHATDIDYOUSAY 377 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 7-11-0 ... A Roche (3) –
12 25P WISE ADVICE 59 (A Chappell) M Hammond 5-11-0 ... A Maguire –
13 000-540 AMBER HOLLY 137 (Mrs E Dixon) J Dixon 6-10-9 ... L O'Hara 72
14 0PP MEADOWBURN 20 (G Dance) W Reed 5-10-9 ... A Dobbin –
15 06 MISS LAMPLIGHT 15 (Major I Straker) M H Easterby 5-10-9 ... L Wyer –
16 0 MISS MONT 49 (Mrs A Holliday) D Moffatt 6-10-9 ... D J Moffatt (3) –
17 6 RASCALLY 24 (J Townson) Miss L Siddall 5-10-9 ... A Thornton –
18 P ROMANY SMITH 7 (A Le Blond) A Le Blond 9-10-9 ... Mr A Manners (7) –
19 5 JUST SUPPOSEN 15 (Consultco Ltd) B Rothwell 4-10-8 ... R Supple 87
20 00 RED EIKON 73 (Mrs D Reed) G Holmes 4-10-8 ... M Dwyer –
21 00 RESTANDBEHOPEFUL 41 (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-8 ... D Gallagher –

BETTING: 7-2 Forbidden Time, 4-1 Speaker Weatherill, 9-2 Val De Rama, 6-1 Another Venture, 10-1 Rascally, 12-1 Just Supposen, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FORBIDDEN TIME 15l 3rd of 9 to Sparkling Cone in novice handicap hurdle at Haydock (3m, heavy) with ANOTHER VENTURE (7lb worse off) 5l 4th. ANOTHER VENTURE 13l 3rd of 17 to Wills Telmar in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 2f, good to soft). GORBY'S MYTH 29¾l 5th of 16 to Tulu in novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft). SPEAKER WEATHERILL 2½l 2nd of 13 to Lochnagrain in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft). VAL DE RAMA 3l 2nd of 9 to Corston Racer in novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, heavy). MISS LAMPLIGHT 26l 6th of 15 to Planning Gain in National Hunt Flat race at Edinburgh (2m, good). RASCALLY 23½l 6th of 18 to Dark Phoenix in National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). JUST SUPPOSEN 7¼l 5th to Colossus Of Roads in maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good).
Selection: FORBIDDEN TIME

5.20 WIN WITH TIMEFORM HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,918: 3m) (12 runners)

1 2-552U4 SKY RANGE 10 (F,G,S) (M Pipe) L Lungo 10-12-0 ... T Reed –
2 02136U KUSHBALOO 17 (D,F,G) (R Green) C Parker 10-12-0 ... Mr D Parker (5) 94
3 30-6236 CORNET 49 (V,D,F,G,S) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 9-12-0 ... L Wyer 98
4 2-2P420 PERSIAN HOUSE 31 (F,G,S) (J Davenport) J Jefferson 8-11-11 ... M Dwyer 99
5 0-11121 ALI'S ALIBI 38 (G,S) (Mrs B Kearney) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-11 ... P Niven 98
6 P1301-P INVASION 108 (B,F,G,S) (Lady Anne Bentinck) O Brennan 11-11-7 ... M Brennan 97
7 422406 ZAM BEE 105 (C,F,G,S) (J Anthony) W Reed 9-10-9 ... Mr M H Naughton (7) 94
8 13-P4P3 BUCKS SURPRISE 24 (G) (Mrs L Morton) J Mackie 7-10-9 ... R Supple 94
9 045522 CAROUSEL ROCKET 10 (CD,F,G,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 12-10-5 A Dobbin 97
10 545623 CHARMING GALE 24 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-4 ... D Gallagher 96
11 0PP-625 MAJIC RAIN 31 (D,G) (D Tate) D Eddy 10-10-0 ... A Maguire 94
12 /0/0-5F VESTAL HILLS 3 (G) (J McCune) D McCune 9-10-0 ... K Johnson 80

Long handicap: Majic Rain 9-9, Vestal Hills 9-9

BETTING: 2-1 Ali's Alibi, 5-1 Bucks Surprise, 6-1 Carousel Rocket, 7-1 Cornet, 8-1 Kushbaloo, Charming Gale, 10-1 Sky Range, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

KUSHBALOO best recent effort 3¼l 3rd of 5 to Bluff Knoll in handicap chase over course and distance (good). CORNET ¾l and short-head 3rd of 14 to Boarding School in handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start, with CHARMING GALE 14½l 6th. ALI'S ALIBI beat Funny Old Game 20l in 2-runner handicap chase at Ayr (3m 4f, heavy). INVASION beat Mweenish 6l in 9-runner handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start. BUCKS SURPRISE 3½l 3rd of 11 to Sailors Luck in handicap chase at Doncaster (3m 3f 110yd, good). CAROUSEL ROCKET 9l 2nd of 6 to Gala Water in handicap chase at Ayr (3m 1f, heavy). CHARMING GALE 6½l 3rd of 6 to Integrity Boy in handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). MAJIC RAIN 1½l 2nd of 9 to Prince Yaza in handicap chase at Sedgefield (3m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: ALI'S ALIBI

Blinkered first time

FONTWELL: 4.00 Met Station. STRATFORD: 2.10 Sharaar. 2.40 Binlaboon. 2.40 Infantry Glen

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Uttoxeter

Going: soft with heavy patches

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Gladys Emmanuel (G Hogan, 4-5 fav); 2, Ramstar (7-2); 3, Circulation (11-2). 4 ran. 6l, dist. R Pocock. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.88.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Nuns Cone (N Williamson, 14-1); 2, Hoodwinker (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Belmore Rock (4-1 jt-fav). 11 ran. NR: Parsan. ¾l, 20l. R Peacock. Tote: £15.10; £1.70, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £31.60. Trio: £46.90. CSF: £68.24. Tricast: £251.29.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Sailor Jim (W Marston, 9-2); 2, Dolly Oats (5-4 fav); 3, Docs Dilemma (7-1). 6 ran. 6l, 20l. P Dalton. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £9.64.

4.15 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Greville Again (A Maguire, 13-8); 2, St Mellion Fairway (4-6 fav); 3, Spectacular Star (20-1). 7 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.77.

4.45 (2m 7f ch) 1, Staunch Rival (D Bridgwater, 4-1); 2, Mo Ichi Do (3-1); 3, Social Climber (9-4 fav). 5 ran. 1¼l, 5l. G Thorner. Tote: £6.10; £2.10, £1.50. DF: £7.10. CSF: £14.82.

5.15 (2m hdle) 1, Future King (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Kino's Cross (11-10 fav); 3, Doctor (8-1). 7 ran. 1½l, 6l. A Jarvis. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.89.

Placepot: £11.20. Quadpot: £3.60.

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Jalcanto (P Niven, 4-7 fav); 2, Minster Glory (16-1); 3, Gemikosk (10-1). 24 ran. NR: Sallyoreally. 1l, 5l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £11.20, £2.40. DF: £39.50. CSF: £15.67.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Killinny Cross (Mr J Greenall, 5-4 fav); 2, Popeshall (11-2); 3, Unor (6-1). 9 ran. NR: Final Hope. 1¼l, 6l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £5.60. CSF: £8.33.

3.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Vicaridge (G Harker, 16-1); 2, Forward Glen (9-1); 3, Lady's Island (10-1). High Altitude 4-5 fav (pu). 12 ran. 2½l, 12l. R Brewis. Tote: £31.50; £3.00, £2.50, £2.60. DF: £167.00. CSF: £155.10.

3.55 (3m ch) 1, Dark Dawn (Mrs J Brown, 11-10 fav); 2, Loughlinstown Boy (12-1); 3, Ready Steady (5-1). 7 ran. 1½l, 30l. Mrs J Brown. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £6.90. DF: £17.00. CSF: £13.27.

4.25 (3m hdle) 1, Rosina Mae (R Garritty, 5-2 jt-fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Young Ty (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Coqui Lane (6-1). 6 ran. NR: Mr Knitwit. Scarl 2½l, 7l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.22. Tricast: £30.12.

4.55 (2m 4f ch) 1, Mr Fudge (Mr M Sowersby, Evens fav); 2, Monaughty Man (11-1); 3, Damnification (6-1). 16 ran. 11l, 6l. M Sowersby. Tote: £1.80; £1.80, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £10.30. CSF: £13.50.

5.25 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Miss Optimist (M Hemington, 20-1); 2, Thursday Night (3-1); 3, Ice Cold In Alex (11-10 fav). 19 ran. NR: Santa Concerto. 3l, 2½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £26.90; £6.40, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £262.40. CSF: £84.16.

Placepot: £97.80. Quadpot: £27.70.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (1m) 1, Whitelock Quest (Adelle Gibbons, 33-1); 2, Mary's Case (10-1); 3, Pop To Stans (9-1). Genesa Four 7-2 fav. 14 ran. 5l, ¾l. N Berry. Tote: £32.60; £6.20, £4.50, £2.50. DF: £156.20. Trio: not won (pool of £440.14 carried forward to 4.40 at Stratford today). CSF: £322.73. Tricast: £2,935.46.

2.30 (1m) 1, Aquado (D Denby, 7-2 fav); 2, Daytona Beach (25-1); 3, Rainbows Rhapsody (11-2). 14 ran. ½l, nk. A Forbes. Tote: £5.80; £2.20, £4.90, £2.40. DF: £126.90. Trio: £328.90 (part won; pool of £328.92 carried forward to 4.40 at Stratford today). CSF: £84.90. Tricast: £460.49.

3.00 (7f) 1, Berge (Emma O'Gorman, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, What A Nightmare (11-2); 3, Prima Silk (3-1 jt-fav). Desert Invader 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Second Colours. 2½l, 1½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £5.30; £1.50, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £19.30. CSF: £21.10.

3.30 (1m) 1, Sheer Danzig (R Price, 7-4); 2, Abu Simbel (6-4 fav); 3, Yoush (11-2). 12 ran. ¾l, 5l. R Armstrong. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.46.

4.05 (6f) 1, Souperficial (J Weaver, 4-1 fav); 2, Titanium Honda (8-1); 3, At The Savoy (12-1); 4, Christian Flight (12-1). 16 ran. 3l, ¾l. J Glover. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £3.00, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £16.50. Trio: £207.40. CSF: £37.71. Tricast: £346.92.

4.35 (5f) 1, Nadwaty (J Weaver, 13-2); 2, Russian Heroine (8-11 fav); 3, Ivy Lilian (8-1). 13 ran. 5l, 1½l. J Bethell. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £5.10. CSF: £13.24.

5.05 (1m 3f) 1, Modest Hope (J Weaver, 4-1); 2, Tempering (7-2 fav); 3, Turtmans Vision (25-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 14l. B Richmond. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.60, £6.00. DF: £10.50. Trio: £163.30. CSF: £19.28. Tricast: £295.62.

5.35 (1m 3f) 1, Mr Bean (M Fenton, 9-4 fav); 2, Ijab (12-1); 3, Hattaafeh (5-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 1½l. K Burke. Tote: £3.10; £1.40, £6.80, £1.80. DF: £39.70. Trio: £52.50. CSF: £31.13. Tricast: £125.02.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £537,620.79 carried forward to Stratford today).

Placepot: £321.70. Quadpot: £44.00.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

2.10 Stoney Valley. 2.40 Scoffera. 3.10 Tammy's Friend. 3.40 Picketstone. 4.10 Chemin Le Roi. 4.40 Sayh.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 ANILAFFED.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

2.10 RICHARDSONS OLDBURY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,705: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

101 /14 CELTINO 119 (CD,G) T Forster 7-11-9 ... R Farrant 79
102 1030 STONEY VALLEY 10 (S) J Jenkins 5-11-9 ... N Williamson 99
103 004- GRAMSCI 251 Mrs M Jones 7-11-2 ... G Bradley –
104 60 MAC THE LAD 19 S Christian 6-11-2 ... G Upton 60
105 R-4 MOUGINS 33 H Rowsell 6-11-2 ... A Tory 81
106 063- POCONO KNIGHT 376 C Jones 5-11-2 ... M Bosley 70
107 6 SHARAAR 31 (B) J Spearing 5-11-2 ... D Bridgwater 70
108 SHEER ECSTASY 661F R Dickin 5-11-2 ... D Meredith (3) –
109 420S SPANISH REFUGE 27 Mrs L Richards 5-11-2 ... M Richards 85
110 0 TWICE THE GROOM 73 R Lee 5-11-2 ... P McLoughlin (3) –
111 P- BLUE JADE 304 C Jones 6-10-11 ... Mr L Lay –
112 U06P RENT DAY 40 J Mullins 6-10-11 ... S Rightton (7) –
113 -000 SUPER SARENA 64 R Frost 6-10-11 ... J Frost 89
114 WILLINGLY 172F J Tuck 5-10-11 ... S McNeill –
115 CANARY BLUE 148F P Hiatt 4-10-3 ... D J Burchell –
116 6 CARNEGIE BLUE 204 D Carey 4-10-3 ... Guy Lewis (5) –
117 0 HUSH TINA 102 J Tuck 4-10-3 ... D Meade –

3-1 Celtino, 6-1 Stoney Valley, 7-1 Gramsci, Spanish Refuge, 8-1 Pocono Knight, 10-1 Mac The Lad, 14-1 Carnegie Blue, 20-1 others.

2.40 RICHARDSONS DEVELOPMENTS SELLING HURDLE (£1,970: 2m 110yd) (13)

201 8-0 COBBS CROSS 13F T Caldwell 5-11-2 ... Pat Caldwell 71
202 EARLY TO RISE 305F J White 5-11-2 ... P McLoughlin (3) –
203 0FP- EXE CRACKER 295F Mrs S Williams 6-11-2 ... S Lyons (3) –
204 1000 GLOWING PATH 20 (D,F,S) R Hodges 5-11-2 ... W McFarland 99
205 P0- INFANTRY GLEN 312F (B) Miss K George 5-11-2 ... V Slattery –
206 00 OWENS DELIGHT 26 R Frost 5-11-2 ... J Frost 77
207 033P PULMICORT 85 (B) Mrs M Jones 5-11-2 ... G Bradley 92
208 PRP AUNTIE CHRIS 130 J Allen 5-10-11 ... Mr N Bradley –
209 -6PP MA BELLA LUNA 15 J Moore 6-10-11 ... S Fox (5) 76
210 1300 SCOFFERA 11 (D,G) N Tinkler 5-10-11 ... R Dunwoody 94
211 0 BINLABOON 26F (B) K Wingrove 4-10-8 ... J Ryan –
212 3300 CASSIO'S BOY 19 (B) R Eckley 4-10-8 ... I Lawrence 79
213 P0 FRED'S DELIGHT 21 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-8 ... K Nakatake –

3-1 Glowing Path, 7-2 Early To Rise, 4-1 Scoffera, 7-1 Pulmicort, 10-1 Cassio's Boy, Owens Delight, 12-1 others.

3.10 RICHARDSONS FOUNDATION HANDICAP CHASE (£2,785: 3m 4f) (7)

301 1F23 TAMMY'S FRIEND 85 (B,F,S) C Mann 8-11-9 ... R Dunwoody 91
302 -F3R STIRRUP CUP 8 (G,S) C Egerton 11-11-7 ... J Osborne –
303 2310 CHOCTAW 22 (D,F,G,S) P Beaumont 11-11-4 ... B Grattan (7) 90
304 4012 DIAMOND FORT 5 (F,G,S) J McConnochie 10-11-1 S McNeill 99
305 1102 TOUCH OF WINTER 32 (S) K Bailey 9-10-11 ... N Williamson 98
306 PP45 SHEEPHAVEN 6 (G) T Casey 11-10-0 ... D Bridgwater 90
307 404P WOODLANDS GENHIRE 94 (V,F) P Pritchard 10-10-0 R Davis 77

5-2 Tammy's Friend, 3-1 Diamond Fort, 7-2 Touch Of Winter, 9-2 Stirrup Cup, 5-1 Choctaw, 12-1 Sheephaven, 33-1 Woodlands Genhire.

3.40 RICHARDSONS PROPERTY MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,559: 3m) (8)

401 PP0P AH JIM LAD 10 (B) W Mann 11-11-6 ... Mr A McPherson 66
402 D DARREN THE BRAVE 67 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-6 ... R Greene –
403 PF4 GENERAL RUSTY 7 (G) F Kirby 7-11-6 ... N Smith 64
404 FP0F HAL'S PRINCE 24 J Needham 8-11-6 ... Mr P Hanly (7) –
405 U24P PICKETSTONE 6 J Webber 8-11-6 ... R Bellamy 99
406 -P50 WISE APPROACH 98 (F) K Bailey 8-11-6 ... N Williamson –
407 0-6P CLOWN AROUND 41 J Hutsby 7-11-1 ... D Walsh (5) –
408 30-0 TAMAR LASS 12 (G,S) Miss J du Plessis 10-11-1 D Bridgwater 91

3-1 Picketstone, 7-2 General Rusty, 5-1 Tamar Lass, Wise Approach, 6-1 others

4.10 RICHARDSONS BROTHERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,510: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

501 051F SHIMBA HILLS 8 (S) Mrs J Retter 7-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 95
502 -00F CHEMIN LE ROI 28 (G) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-4 ... W Marston –
503 -03F SIZZLING AFFAIR 8 M Wilkinson 5-10-10 ... G Upton –
504 1F4U EMBLEY BUOY 26 (S) J Mullins 7-10-5 ... R Davis 99
505 2F0P STORM FALCON 68 S Mellor 5-10-0 ... N Mann –
506 F3-3 LLACCA SAM 74 (S) M Eckley 8-10-0 ... N Williamson –

7-4 Chemin Le Roi, 9-4 Shimba Hills, 6-1 Sizzling Affair, 7-1 Embley Buoy, 8-1 Storm Falcon, Llacca Sam.

4.40 RICHARDSONS CHARITY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,094: 2m 6f 110yd) (10)

601 U2-5 BLASKET HERO 6 (B,F,G) Mrs S Williams 7-11-12 J Osborne 93
602 0000 ALTERNATION 33F (CD,G) J Webber 6-11-8 ... R Bellamy 80
603 064F MOUNTSHANNON 8 (F,G) C Trietline 9-11-6 ... N Williamson 90
604 -553 SAYH 6 (S) J White 6-11-4 ... D Bridgwater 87
605 4-6P GENSERIC 178 (B) T Tate 5-11-4 ... R Garritty 90
606 0-0U ANILAFFED 32 (V,D,S) J Akehurst 5-11-3 ... R Dunwoody 99
607 -452 SUREN 6 (G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-3 ... S Fox (5) 95
608 -P06 THE PERISHER 8 Mrs J Retter 6-11-2 ... S Burrough –
609 -05U APSIMORE 108 J Tuck 8-10-12 ... S McNeill 80
610 3P00 ON THE SAUCE 15 (B,D,F,G,S) B Shaw 8-10-11 ... J Lower 95

9-4 Suren, 5-2 Sayh, 7-1 Mountshannon, 8-1 Alternation, 10-1 Genseric, The Perisher, Blasket Hero, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Forster, 13 winners from 60 runners, 21.7%; Mrs J Retter, 4 from 20, 20.0%; S Christian, 3 from 15, 20.0%; K Bailey, 10 from 58, 17.2%; R Lee 4 from 27, 14.8%; Mrs J Pitman, 8 from 56, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; R Dunwoody, 20 from 99, 20.2%; J Osborne, 10 from 53, 18.9%; R Greene, 3 from 20, 15.0%; G Bradley, 4 from 29, 13.8%; N Williamson, 11 from 88, 12.5%.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Pete The Parson. 2.30 Rainbow Castle. 3.00 The Mine Captain. 3.30 Kancelskis. 4.00 No Fizz. 4.30 Raahin.

Brian Beel: 4.00 No Fizz.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

2.00 MUNDHAM NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,383: 2m 2f) (15 runners)

1 005 AMAZING MAN 10 (S) Mrs M McCourt 6-11-2 ... G McCourt
2 GROOVING J Gifford 6-11-2 ... P Hide
3 P3 HAWAIIAN SAM 68 A Turnell 5-11-2 ... L Harvey
4 KENTISH MAN Mrs L Jewell 5-11-2 ... J Railton
5 6 MAYBE MOSES 32 M Ahern 5-11-2 ... J Lodder
6 -65P MILL O'THE RAGS 85 Mrs D Haine 6-11-2 ... J F Titley
7 23- PETE THE PARSON 395 J Old 6-11-2 ... T Grantham
8 -300 PRINCE NASHA 31 K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-2 ... A P McCoy
9 F RUN HENRY RUN 109 J Gifford 5-11-2 ... E Murphy
10 2046 MAMMY'S CHOICE 85 R Alner 5-10-11 ... B Powell
11 0-P MISS PANDY 69 G Enright 7-10-11 ... M Perrett
12 P60P MY BOOKS ARE BEST 20 B Stevens 6-10-11 ... M Stevens
13 NOT TO PANIC K Burke 5-10-11 ... M A Fitzgerald
14 0-P TOP MISS 92 A Neaves 6-10-11 ... G Hogan (5)
15 P0 JUST A BEAU 62 Mrs L Jewell 4-10-8 ... Mr B Pollock (7)

3-1 Hawaiian Sam, 4-1 Pete The Parson, 5-1 Grooving, 8-1 Amazing Man, 10-1 Prince Nasha, 14-1 Not To Panic, 16-1 others.

2.30 CERTAIN JUSTICE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,422: 2m 2f) (8)

1 5F12 RAINBOW CASTLE 8 (C,G) J Gifford 8-12-0 ... P Hide
2 2122 DEAR DO 10 (S) N Henderson 8-11-9 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 2P6U AEDEAN 32 (S) G Enright 6-11-6 ... J Railton
4 45P4 MAGSOOD 8 (G) J Mullins 10-10-13 ... B Clifford
5 -00P GOOD SPARK 81 (F,G,S) S Woodman 9-10-13 ... A P McCoy
6 6032 HANDSOME NED 3 (B,G,S) D Grissell 9-10-12 ... Peter Hobbs
7 003 MARKETING MAN 10 Pat Mitchell 5-10-3 ... J McLaughlin
8 2044 FULL SHILLING 10 K Burke 6-10-1 ... G Crone (7)

5-2 Dear Do, 3-1 Rainbow Castle, 4-1 Handsome Ned, Magsood, 8-1 others.

3.00 STREBEL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,085: 2m 2f) (9)

1 0FU0 ILEWIN 32 (F,G,S) M Ahern 8-11-10 ... M Ahern
2 -FU0 MYRTILLA 40 (D,F) A Turnell 6-11-8 ... D Fortt (5)
3 53-0 ANY MINUTE NOW 122 J Akehurst 5-11-3 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 B-42 THE MINE CAPTAIN 99 (G) C Benstead 8-10-12 ... J F Titley
5 0264 ALOSAILI 32 (F,G) B Stevens 8-10-12 ... M Stevens
6 00P- DANCEALOT 246F T Casey 5-10-11 ... A P McCoy
7 -FF0 BEACH BUM 103 (G) Mrs J Young 9-10-9 ... C Maude
8 4205 YELLOW CORN 8 (B) D Grissell 6-10-8 ... Peter Hobbs
9 P21- DELIFFIN 390 (G) R Flower 9-10-4 ... P Hide

2-1 The Mine Captain, 4-1 Alosaili, 5-1 Any Minute Now, 5-1 Yellow Corn, 7-1 Deliffin, 8-1 Ilewin, 12-1 others.

3.30 GEOFFREY OSBORNE RNLI MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,560: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 052F BIG BAD WOLF 64 B Pearce 7-11-8 ... R Rowell
2 636- HARRY BELLE 318P (F) R Buckler 8-11-8 ... B Powell
3 KANCELSKIS D Murray Smith 6-11-8 ... A P McCoy
4 /4-4 LORD FAWSLEY 8 (F,S) R Phillips 10-11-8 ... J Railton
5 F3P4 PENNINE PASS 10 D Williams 6-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
6 000P LETS GO NOW 71 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-12 ... T Jenks

7-4 Kancelskis, 3-1 Lord Fawsley, 9-2 Big Bad Wolf, 5-1 Harry Belle, Pennine Pass, 16-1 Lets Go Now

4.00 HORSE AND HOUND CHARLTON HUNT CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,632: 2m 3f) (12)

1 1-U1 NO FIZZ 15 (F,G,S) Mrs D Grissell 9-12-4 ... P Hacking (3)
2 5-3P BRUCE BUCKLEY 24P Mrs T Hills 7-12-0 ... Simon Andrews (3)
3 /PPP MASTER SHIKARI 10P (F) M Bloom 6-12-0 ... N Bloom (7)
4 3-15 MET STATION 38P (G,S) J Bouler 12-12-0 ... F Brennan (7)
5 3-PU MISTY 31P A Chamberlain 8-12-0 ... P Henley (7)
6 1-PP PRINCE ROCKAWAY 45P (G) N Lampard 7-12-0 ... C Vigors (7)
7 32-P WELSHMAN'S GULLY 10P (F,S) Mrs D Silk 11-12-0 P Bull (7)
8 U/PP WHY EVER NOT 37P Ms S Baskerville 11-12-0 ... Miss S Baskerville (7)
9 15-P COUNTRY SPIDER 59P (F) T Swaffield 10-11-9 ... G Baines (7)
10 1P-P KNOWING 10P (S) P Watkins 8-11-9 ... P Pritchard (7)
11 0-32 LITTLE ISLAND 24P (S) W Smith 9-11-9 ... Miss V Hardman (7)
12 -10P NATIONAL GYPSY 14 (F) J Dufosee 9-11-9 ... B Dixon (7)

4-5 No Fizz, 6-1 Welshman's Gully, 7-1 Little Island, 8-1 Met Station, 10-1 Knowing, 12-1 National Gypsy, 14-1 others.

4.30 WALBERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,067: 2m 6f) (10)

1 5P21 WEE WINDY 26 (G,S) J Gifford 6-12-0 ... L Aspell
2 3155 RAAHIN 39 (CD,F,G,S) S Woodman 10-11-11 ... R Massey
3 0-01 PRINCE TEETON 12 (D,S) R Buckler 6-11-8 ... G Supple (7)
4 0210 STRAIGHT LACED 62 (G,S) P Clarke 8-11-6 ... M Clinton (7)
5 1P00 MUHTASHIM 15 (S) R Phillips 5-11-2 ... E Tolhurst (7)
6 161P DARKBROOK 178 (BF,F) D Gandolfo 8-11-1 ... T Jenks
7 2252 JOVIAL MAN 8 (S) R O'Sullivan 6-11-1 ... D Leahy
8 1003 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 15 (C,G,S) G L Moore 5-10-11 ... A P McCoy
9 -503 GAMEFULL GOLD 13 (G) S Dow 6-10-7 ... G Hogan
10 P423 JOKER JACK 3 (C,F,S) R Dean 10-10-0 ... A Procter

7-2 Wee Windy, 4-1 Jovial Man, 9-2 Prince Teeton, 5-1 Raahin, 8-1 Straight Laced, Darkbrook, 10-1 Gamefull Gold, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Phillips, 4 winners from 6 runners, 66.7%; J Dufosee, 3 from 5, 60.0%; R Alner, 8 from 23, 34.8%; J Gifford, 32 from 149, 21.5%; R O'Sullivan, 9 from 47, 19.1%; N Henderson, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: A Procter, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; G McCourt, 7 from 33, 21.2%; P Hide, 10 from 49, 20.4%; Peter Hobbs, 19 from 95, 20.0%; M Perrett, 16 from 84, 19.0%; L Harvey, 5 from 34, 14.7%.

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Jackpot rolls on to Stratford

TOTE Jackpot punters were dealt a severe blow in the first race at Southwell yesterday when the 33-1 shot, Whitelock Quest, won by five lengths.

A pool of £347,415.55 had been carried forward but after the second race, won by the 7-2 favourite, Aquado, the Tote reported that just £9.80 of potential winning bets were left intact, chasing a pool of £537,620.79.

After 7-4 shot Sheer Danzig beat the 6-4 favourite, Abu Simbel, in the fourth race on the card, all the surviving units were knocked out, leaving the entire pool to be carried forward to Stratford today.

At Stratford, where the advance going is good to soft, a full cover perm on the 61 horses in action would require 742,560 bets.

Point-to-point

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: BLANKNEY (Southwell point-to-point): Confined: 1, Bowery Boy (S R Andrews, 4-1); 2, Raise An Argument; 3, Antrim County. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Smokey Track (Mrs L Gibbon, 10-1); 2, If So; 3, Merry Maggie. 6 ran. Open: 1, Matric (D Ingle, 5-2); 2, Evercone. 2 ran. PPOA: 1, Cawkwell Dean (R Sweeting, 4-7 fav); 2, Perboy; 3, Treylord. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Penlet (John Pritchard, 5-2); 2, Arm In Arm; 3, Quaker Bob. 6 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Samsword (John Pritchard, 9-4); 2, Fiddler's Drum; 3, Teseklturedenm. 6 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Wise Wizard (M Hewitt, 5-2 fav); 2, King's Rainbow. Only 2 finished. 8 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Easy Lile (Miss J Wormall, 10-11 fav); 2, Ita's Fellow; 3, Carrick Castle. 9 ran.

CLEVELAND (Stainton): Hunt: 1, Grey Realm (Mrs J Brown, 1-2 fav); 2, Tudor Lord; 3, Sweet Rose. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Cromwell Point (N Wilson); 1, Wall Game (Miss H Delahooke); 3, Delmore. 16 ran. Rest: 1, Double Collect (N F Smith, 5-4 fav); 2, Clone; 3, First Drive. 10 ran. Open: 1, Knowe Head (N Wilson, 4-1); 2, Shigrove Place. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, John Corbet (Miss J Eastwood, 16-1); 2, Inconclusive; 3, Waitingo. 6 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Grey Smoke (S Swiers, 6-4); 2, Dashmar; 3, Tom The Tank. 5 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Gulling Gray (A Parker, 5-1); 2, Commandeer; 3, Rhine River. 12 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Bervie House (J Davies, 2-5 fav); 2, Flying Pan; 3, Sundaysport Scoop. 8 ran.

ROSS HARRIERS (Garnons): Hunt: 1, Tinkers Corner (A Dalton, 4-7 fav); 2, Another Cruise. Only 2 finished. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Staley Dawn (Mrs [illegible]; Highway Five; 3, Gaddy Owen. 17 ran. Open: 1, Lochingall (D Duggan, 7-4 fav); 2, Regal Estate; 3, Music Minstrel. 8 ran. Mdn I: 1, Amy's Boy (P Davis, 8-1); 2, Miss Cullane; 3, Military Man. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Dandie Imp (T Stephenson, 5-2); 2, Western Pearl. 11 ran. Intermediate: 1, Final Pride (E Williams, 11-10 fav); 2, McMahon's River; 3, Tatdejack. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Robusti (Miss C Thomas, 4-5 fav); 2, Drumceva; 3, Magnus Pym. 11 ran. Rest: 1, Grey Gordon (A Crow, 8-11 fav); 2, Horn Player; 3, I Did It My Way. 15 ran.

STAFF COLLEGE & RMA DRAGHOUNDS (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Paco's Boy (P York); 2, Wisebow. Only 2 finished. 2 ran. Ladies: 1, Cannaas (Miss P Jones, 6-4 fav); 2, Mac's Glen; 3, Military Two Step. 12 ran. Confined: 1, Roc De Prince (P Scouller, 3-1); 2, Buonarroti; 3, La Princesse. 12 ran. Open: 1, Woodbury Fair (M Felton, 4-6 fav); 2, Darton Bill; 3, St Laycar. 7 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Flutter (Miss P Curling, 4-6 fav); 2, Art's Echo; 3, Paleman. 11 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Royal Rupert (R Chelton, 2-1); 2, Rhianna Bay; 3, Hill-Way Blues. 8 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Claire-De-Lune (Miss P Curling, 5-2); 2, Major League; 3, Just Ballytoo. 11 ran. Rest: 1, Balisteros (D Alers-Hankey, 5-2); 2, Harbour Of Love; 3, Tax Max. 9 ran.

WEST STREET-TICKHAM (Detling): Hunt: 1, Bright Crusader (A Warr, 4-1); 2, Rusty Rails; 3, Sir Wager. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Take Issue (D Breen, 5-1); 2, Ollie's Lady; 3, Star Actor. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Clover Coin (Miss J Grant, 6-1); 2, Treble Chance; 3, Redelva. 12 ran. Open: 1, Another Troup (P Bull, 4-6 fav); 2, Namoos; 3, Corrado. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Rightsaidfred (P Bull, 3-1); 2, Harmony River; 3, Country Vet. 19 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Highgate Mild (E James, 7-2); 2, Hidden Pleasure; 3, Gamey. 15 ran. Mdn: 1, Motor Cloak (A Welsh, 7-2 fav); 2, Killaney Man; 3, Yau. 17 ran.

Wales clear way for departure of coach

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE axe poised over Alan Davies seems set to fall later this week. The Wales rugby union coach, who came to the nation's rescue at a time of crisis immediately before the 1991 World Cup, is likely to leave amid another crisis barely two months before the 1995 tournament kicks off in South Africa.

Davies and his management colleagues were due to name their World Cup squad on Thursday but that has now been postponed "pending consideration by the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) general committee of a number of matters of concern arising from recent performances of the Welsh team and the selection of the side that played against Ireland", according to a WRU statement yesterday.

The general committee may meet on Friday, before the meeting next Monday of the national player development committee, whose function includes recommendations on coaching appointments. There has been concern for some time over certain selections in the Wales team and it came to a head over the omission from the side to play Ireland last weekend of Derwyn Jones and Hemi Taylor, the Cardiff forwards.

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Moreover, the passionless displays against Scotland and Ireland spoke of a team which had lost self-belief and was feeling the effects of the interminable international commitments Wales have faced over the past year. "I have been informed by the WRU that they don't wish the selectors to meet this week," Davies said. "I am waiting to hear further when they wish us to proceed."

Or if they wish Davies, Gareth Jenkins, his assistant, and Robert Norster, the manager, to proceed. All three, committed and intelligent men, were prepared to give their best for Wales at a time when national fortunes had never been so low. They achieved a five nations' championship last season and then lost more players to rugby league. This season they had to cope with a string of casualties, the last withdrawal coming 24 hours before the final championship match.

Yet international sport is an unforgiving arena. Wales, having been appointed hosts of the 1999 World Cup, clearly consider that their prospects of doing well in South Africa are limited after descending to only their second whitewash in the championship and therefore that they can use the opportunity to blood a new team. The most likely alternative appears to be the A team coaching panel of Kevin Bowring and Dennis John, of whom John, as coach to Pontypridd, has been responsible for the much-vilified Neil Jenkins playing superbly in the Heineken League.

It is felt in Wales that the present regime may be given the opportunity to go quietly, rather than be sacked. The same was granted to Ron Waldron after the spectacular failure by Wales in Australia in 1991. Waldron, himself a mid-term replacement for John Ryan in 1990, resigned on grounds of ill health, leaving room for the entry of Norster and Davies.

If Wales and Ireland have been left in disarray at the foot of the championship pile, France's reputation has also taken a knock. Their players retreat to Toulouse for fitness testing today, thence to St Lary in the Pyrenees for a day of SAS-style survival exercises, pending the announcement next Monday of their World Cup squad.

Only the Scots and England have cause for celebration. At its peak, their grand-slam encounter last Saturday attracted viewing figures for the BBC of more than 10 million, far and away a record for the championship, while their respective team managements may look forward with confidence to selection for the World Cup.

To say that England did not develop adequately the playing style they will require for success in South Africa is partially true. But they compensated by acquiring the winning habit, which permits the confidence to play near the edge. So, to a lesser degree, did Scotland, who may now be regarded as joint favourites with France in their pool. What would the unhappy Welsh not give for just a modicum of the same success?

SCOTT TROYANOS



Davies receives the trophy after maintaining her grip on the Standard Register Ping title in Arizona

Davies gets reward for dogged defence

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX

LAURA DAVIES is a one-off, but on Sunday the world's No 1 woman golfer was officially designated a copycat when she won a Konica Kopy Kat award for making a successful defence of the Standard Register Ping title at Moon Valley country club here in Arizona.

It earnt the Englishwoman an extra $10,000 (about £6,600) for herself, over and above the first prize of $105,000, and $10,000 for charity. Not a bad day's work for someone who confessed cheerfully after her closing round of 73, level par: "I almost blew it, didn't I?"

Davies, who had led from the first day, was referring to the wobble at the end when she hit poor two-irons off the 17th and 18th tees and bogeyed both holes, missing putts of five feet at each green. But the champion had done enough — 21 birdies in four rounds — to hold off Beth Daniel, of the United States, her perennial rival, by a single shot, 280 to 281.

This is a long course of 6,483 yards and Davies, averaging 280-odd yards off the tee with her new driver, a formidable blunt instrument with a square-shaped head and a kink at the end of the shaft, would be expected to make easy work of the par-fives. She birdied all four in the first round — only the 10th was not reachable with an iron — but only one per round after that, and that alone allowed Daniel to stay in touch.

It was the third time the American who, at 38, is seven years older than Davies, had finished second this season and theirs is a rivalry that is running and running. They won seven events on the US Tour between them last year, when they were first and second on the money-list.

Wendy Ward, 21, who won no money at all even though she tied for third place, will be expected to spearhead the generation that eventually elbows aside Davies and Daniel. Ward, the US Amateur champion and a student at Arizona State University, expects to turn professional later this year, and she impressed everyone with her play and her demeanour.

Faldo transformed by US experience

FROM MEL WEBB IN ORLANDO

NICK FALDO had no sooner signed his card for a share of fifth place in the Nestlé Invitational here on Sunday than he was surrounded by a small but select band of press people who were anxious to talk to him. He appeared fairly keen on speaking to them, too.

Faldo was in vintage form in his last two rounds at Bay Hill. He went into the third round on a modest level par and produced a dream of a 66. He was scarcely less inspired in the last circuit and came in with a 68, six shots behind Loren Roberts, the champion for the second year.

In place of the old, suspicious Faldo there was a carefree, if no less dedicated man. He smiled, stubble-faced, and spoke with eyes-wide enthusiasm about the weekend he had just illuminated. "Gosh, I played just great," he said. "You just have to be pleased when you play the last two rounds in ten under."

He was right to be happy with his golf, but the new contentment that has made him a different man in the weeks he has been staging his second attempt to make a go of things on the US Tour, might in the long run be just as important to his well-being.

He rejoined the US Tour because he believed he would find better conditions for playing and practising in America and would be escaping the attentions of the more rabid sections of the British press — a side-issue, albeit an important one.

The change has obviously done him good: he has played better in the past few weeks than at almost any time in his career. His performance at Bay Hill, after his win in the Doral-Ryder Open and his second place in the Honda Classic the following week, make him seem an extraordinarily good bet at 7-1 to win his third US Masters title in three weeks.

He will travel to Sawgrass today to play in the Tournament Players Championship and perhaps play 18 holes, followed by nine tomorrow. "I'll just play it by ear," he said with a smile. When was the last time he admitted to playing anything by ear? A long time? Wrong; never. Faldo is a changed man, all right.

RADIO CHOICE

Switching on to science

Devices and Desires. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

It is quite like old times, hearing John Timpson's affable voice coming through the speakers again. Can it really be nine years since he retired from the *Today* programme? He is back tonight with an Everyman's history of electricity's domestic roles. It is all here: Faraday and the first dynamo generator, the light bulb, the pre-Hoover Hoover, the cooker, the room heater and the fridge. Television is dismissed in a word or two, but not radio. You can tell where Timpson's sympathies lie. Hit songs of the day help to give *Devices and Desires* an engagingly light touch. I especially liked the story of the man who picked up the old Light Programme on his cooker.

Music for the British Movies. *Radio 3, 3.00pm.*

Film music written between the 1930s and 1950s that was lost, mislaid or just forgotten about, is the stuff of this two-part series. The presenter, Carl Davis, is himself a film music composer of note. Some of the scores really were found in garages; others emerged from music college libraries. Malcolm Arnold's overture for *The Roots of Heaven* has not been heard since the film's London premiere in 1958. Antony Hopkins's twinkling music for *The Pickwick Papers* gets a rare airing today. So do Bliss's score for *Christopher Columbus* (the film's one redeeming feature), Vaughan Williams's music for *49th Parallel* and Bax's for Lean's *Oliver Twist*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo. Boy George plays live **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Clive Warren, including at **4.20** The Amazing Spiderman, and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford, including at **2.30** the star guest interview **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** My Mammy and Me: Final episode **9.00** Devices and Desires: See Choice **10.00** Explorer 2 **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Colin Berry **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.30** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match **10.05** News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** News **5.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *The Inseparable Twins* **7.30** *New Ideas* **7.50** *What is . . ?* **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** World News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** The Desert of Merv **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** *That was the Year* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack: Hit List **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *The Inseparable Twins* **2.45** Medical Notes **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Omnibus **12.00** News **12.15am** Concert Hall **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Contemporaries of Christ **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: The Making of Modern Europe **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air. Verdi (Overture, La forza del destino); **7.13** *Songbook Selection*: Wolf (Italienisches) **7.32** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 76 No 1); **8.05** Ibert (Hommage à Mozart); Takemitsu (Water-Ways); Rameau (Suite, Platée)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Carver. The Sixteen under Harry Christophers performs *Missa l'homme armé*

9.45 Musical Encounters: with Edward Blakeman. Dvořák (Legend No 5 in A flat); **10.00** *Artist of the Week*: Marie-Claire Alain, organ, plays Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542); **10.10** *Voices and Viols*: BBC Singers under Bob Holten; Rose Consort of Viols perform music by Weelkes, Gibbons and Billings; **10.35** Ireland (Sarnia — An Island Sequence); Boismortier (Trio Sonata in G); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat)

12.00 Music Restored: Salomon Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 33 No 4); Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, K458, Hunt)

1.00pm The Forties: Wartime at the National Gallery. Robert Philip presents the fourth of five programmes tracing the story of Myra Hess's famous chamber concerts

2.00 Schools. Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Listen!

3.00 Fairest Isle: Music for the British Movies. See Choice

5.00 The Music Machine

5.15 In Tune: Including Rebel (Caprice, Les élémens); **6.40** Korngold (Sinfonietta, Op 5); Gershwin, arr Mia (Three Preludes)

7.30 Pebble Mill, live from Studio One, Birmingham. Vogler Quartet performs Mendelssohn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 12); Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 135); **8.25** During the interval, Calum McDonald investigates Schoenberg's writing for the string quartet; **8.45** Schoenberg (String Quartet No 4, Op 37)

9.25 The Forties: The Catalysts. Five views on the most important scientific developments of the 1940s. The second is by the physicist Frank Close on research into the fundamental particles of nature

9.45 Ballet Comique de la Royne: Introduced and directed by Jeremy Barlow. Performed by Cardinall's Musick under Andrew Carwood, Musica Antiqua of London under Philip Thorby and the Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman

10.45 Night Waves: Adrian Wootton interviews Quentin Tarantino, director of *Pulp Fiction*, before an audience at the National Film Theatre

11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: Mary King, mezzo, with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Robert Ziegler

1.00-2.10 Night School: Scene on Radio — Exploring *Dear Nobody*: Author and ideas **1.30** German 16+: Deutschlandspiegel

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Tim Haggis **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444 from 8am

10.00-10.30 News; Tales from the Back of Beyond (FM only): Cavers in China

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Something Understood (LW only): The Light of Mine Eyes is His. A new spiritual anthology read by Hilary Lyon and Amardeep Kaushal

10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *The Normal Man* (4/8)

11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan

12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney reveals how computers are learning to speak English **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: My Derrick, by David Marshall. Derrick Penniman is torn between two women — his 18-year-old bride and his domineering mother. With Tessa Worsley as Mrs Penniman and Deborah Berlin as Julie

2.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to the Mexican-American flautist Elena Duran (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. As part of British Science Week, Robert Dawson Scott sees a National Theatre project involving Cape Canaveral

4.45 Short Story: Arrayed Like One of These, by Gwyn Thomas. Read by Andy Rivers

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The Board Game: Nigel Cassidy chairs the business quiz. The panellists are Peter Day, Howard Hodgson, Alastair Ross Goobey and Janette Rutterford

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4. Mark Whitaker reports

8.00 Science Now: Peter Evans reports from Jodrell Bank (r)

8.30 Open Secrets: Clear and Present Danger. The third of six programmes examining the roles of intelligence services in the 1990s. Christopher Andrew reports on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

9.00 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Olivia, by Dorothy Bussy. Read by Susan Bovell (2/4)

11.00 Mediumwave (r)

11.30-12.00 Four Corners: Perils of the Flesh. Are Westerners' fears about disease and maladies merely a mask for prejudice? (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxev

ROSSLYN PARK SCHOOLS SEVENS

***Results in the Festival competition* at the Rosslyn Park schools sevens yesterday:**

Group A: Blundell's 36 Wellington Sch 0; Aylesbury 28 St John's, Leatherhead 12; Aylesbury 5 Blundell's 35; Brighton 12 Wellington 14; St John's 35 Wellington 0; Blundell's 47 Brighton 7; Blundell's 56 St John's 0; Aylesbury 45 Brighton 0; Wellington 10 Aylesbury 20; Brighton 19 St John's 26 Group B: Austin Friars 14 Bristol GS 34, Bedford 28 Tonbridge 26; Bedford 21 Austin Friars 12; Caterham 17 Bristol GS 17; Tonbridge 35 Bristol GS 21; Austin Friars 10 Caterham 42; Austin Friars 12 Tonbridge 31; Bedford 12 Caterham 24; Bristol GS 10 Bedford 21; Caterham 0 Tonbridge 52. Group C: Barnard Castle 0 Bryanston 24; Dousi 21 St Paul's 12. Dousi 26 Barnard Castle 5; Colfe's 0 Bryanston 61; St Paul's 10 Bryanston 31, Barnard Castle 36 Colfe's 7; Barnard Castle 38 St Paul's 5; Dousi 19 Colfe's 7; Bryanston 38 Dousi 7; Colfe's 14 St Paul's 22. Group D: Cheltenham 14 Taunton 14; Bedford Mod 17 Skinners 19, Bedford Mod 5 Cheltenham 19; Christ's Hosp 5 Taunton 26, Skinners 33 Taunton 7; Cheltenham 12 Christ's Hosp 24; Cheltenham 15 Skinners 14; Bedford Mod 29 Christ's Hosp 21; Taunton 5 Bedford Mod 36; Christ's Hosp 10 Skinners 26.

Group E: Ellesmere 5 Malvern 15; Bloxham 19 Worth 24; Bloxham 35 Ellesmere 5, Truro 12 Malvern 10; Worth 21 Malvern 5; Ellesmere 12 Truro 26; Ellesmere 12 Worth 20; Bloxham 12 Truro 12; Malvern 20 Bloxham 24; Truro 5 Worth 29. Group F: Giggleswick 7 Marlborough 31; Culford 14 Churcher's 7; Culford 31 Giggleswick 0; W Buckland 0 Marlborough 28; Churcher's 5 Marlborough 35; Giggleswick 14 W Buckland 7; Giggleswick 26 Churcher's 14; Culford 28 W Buckland 19; Marlborough 5 Culford 15; W Buckland 26 Churcher's 0. Group G: King's, Bruton 7 Torquay GS 26; Hailsford 0 Davenant Foundation 56; Hailsford 0 King's Bruton 47; Dover 7 Torquay GS 26; Davenant 28 Torquay GS 12; King's 15 Dover 12; King's 26 Davenant 7; Hailsford 19 Dover 17; Torquay GS 76 Hailsford 5; Dover Coll 0 Davenant Found 59. Group H: St Peter's 12 King Edward's, Bath 7, Lord Williams's 14 Haberdashers' Aske's 5; Lord Williams's 7 St Peter's 17; Cranleigh 17 King Edward's 7; St Peter's 24 Haberdashers' 7, Haberdashers' 12 King Edward's 31; St Peter's 19 Cranleigh 21; Lord Williams's 14 Cranleigh 26; King Edward's 19 Lord Williams's 24; Cranleigh 22 Haberdashers' 19.

Group I: Trent 7 Monkton Combe 24; Oratory 35 Eton 12; Oratory 31 Trent 7; Shebbear 12 Monkton Combe 19; Eton 35 Monkton Combe 12; Trent 14 Shebbear 7; Trent 7 Eton 21; Oratory 36 Shebbear 7; Monkton Combe 7 Oratory 40; Shebbear 5 Eton 47. Group J: Portsmouth 48 Prior Park 0; Pangbourne 15 Sanford 19; Pangbourne 12 Portsmouth 33; Berkhamsted 12 Prior Park 17; Seaford 40 Prior Park 5; Portsmouth 27 Berkhamsted 0; Portsmouth 20 Seaford 14; Pangbourne 14 Berkhamsted 12. Prior Park 14 Pangbourne 12; Berkhamsted 12 Seaford 22. Group K: William Hulme's 19 Plymouth 17; Stamford 0 Radley 32, Stamford 35 Hulme's 17; Duke of York's 38 Plymouth 7; Radley 38 Plymouth 0; Hulme's 0 Duke of York's 24; Hulme's 12 Radley 31; Stamford 12 Duke of York's 17; Plymouth 14 Stamford 7; Duke of York's 12 Radley 26. Group L: Kelly 19 Queen's, Taunton 7; St Edward's, Oxford 29 Hurstpierpoint 0; St Edward's 0 Kelly 26; Dulwich 0 Queen's 5; Hurstpierpoint 12 Queen's 22; Kelly 22 Dulwich 14; Kelly 12 Hurstpierpoint 5; St Edward's 17 Dulwich 14; Queen's 36 St Edward's 7; Dulwich 21 Hurstpierpoint 10.

Group M: King's, Taunton 19 Wycliffe 12; St Dunstan's 12 Bromsgrove 17; St Dunstan's 0 King's 24; Eastbourne 19 Wycliffe 17; Bromsgrove 40 Wycliffe 0; King's 17 Eastbourne 21; King's 7 Bromsgrove 24; St Dunstan's 12 Eastbourne 7; Eastbourne 0 Bromsgrove 40, Wycliffe 7 St Dunstan's 26. Group N: Downside 5 Epsom 33; Rugby 5 King's, Ely 21; Rugby 19 Downside 5; Lancing 0 Epsom 42; King's 0 Epsom 19; Downside 12 Lancing 12; Downside 12 King's 19; Rugby 17 Lancing 0; Epsom 17 Rugby 12; Lancing 0 King's 22. Group O: St George's, Weybridge 35 Grenville 12; Ipswich 15 St Joseph Williamson's 7. Ipswich 17 St George's 5; King's, Canterbury 45 Grenville 0; Sir J Williamson's 31 Grenville 7; St George's 7 King's 14; St George's 7 Sir J Williamson's 31; Ipswich 5 King's 36; Grenville 7 Ipswich 26; King's 33 Sir J Williamson's 7. Group P: King Edward VI, Morpeth 0 Ivybridge 38; Hinchingbrooke 17 Whitgift 7; Hinchingbrooke 14 King Edward 7; KCS Wimbledon 17 Ivybridge 7; Whitgift 14 Ivybridge 36; King Edward 7 KCS 34; King Edward 5 Whitgift 28; Ivybridge 31 Hinchingbrooke 5; KCS 21 Whitgift 26. Group Q: St Bees 19 Hereford Cathedral 10; Gresham's 10 Stowe 12; Gresham's 14 St Bees 21; Langley Park 7 Hereford 26; Stowe 36 Hereford 0; St Bees 26 Langley Park 12; St Bees 7 Stowe 33, Gresham's 21 Langley Park 7; Hereford 24 Gresham's 26; Langley Park 0 Stowe 43.

Group R: Loughborough 35 Dauntsey's 5; Feltham Blacksheep 7 Sevenoaks 22; Feltham 0 Loughborough 38; Mill Hill 21 Dauntsey's 10; Sevenoaks 40 Dauntsey's 0; Loughborough 21 Mill Hill 5; Loughborough 14 Sevenoaks 12; Feltham 17 Mill Hill 14; Dauntsey's 29 Feltham 10; Mill Hill 5 Sevenoaks 10. Group S: Monmouth 47 Colston's 0; Wellington Coll 35 Goff's 0; Wellington 14 Monmouth 12; Reading 19 Colston's 12; Goff's 19 Colston's 19; Monmouth 63 Reading 0; Monmouth 33 Goff's 0; Wellington 47 Reading 7; Colston's 7 Wellington 40; Reading 5 Goff's 28; Group T: Rossall 21 Christ Coll, Brecon 5; Lord Wandsworth 19 Ryde 0; Lord Wandsworth 5 Rossall 45; Sherborne 10 Christ's 19; Ryde 7 Christ's 33; Rossall 7 Sherborne 10; Rossall 47 Ryde 0; Lord Wandsworth 7 Sherborne 24; Christ's 29 Lord Wandsworth 12; Sherborne 20 Ryde 0. Group U: Oakham 29 Canford 5; King's, Rochester 8 Windsor Boys 33; King's 0 Oakham 26; Bexley/Erith THS 7 Canford 17; Windsor 14 Canford 12; Oakham 34 Bexley 0; Oakham 24 Windsor 0; King's 14 Bexley 0; Canford 17 King's 17; Bexley 0 Windsor 31. Group V: King's, Worcester 41 Bearwood 0; Kingswood 28 St Augustine's 0, Kingswood 14 King's 19; Rutlish 24 Bearwood 10; St Augustine's 24 Bearwood 12; King's 12 Rutlish 0; King's 26 St Augustine's 5; Kingswood 26 Rutlish 10; Bearwood 0 Kingswood 41; Rutlish 7 St Augustine's 21.

Group winners: Blundell's; Tonbridge, Bryanston; Skinners; Worth; Culford, Davenant Foundation; Cranleigh; Oratory; Portsmouth; Radley; Kelly, Bromsgrove; Epsom; King's, Canterbury; Ivybridge; Stowe; Loughborough; Wellington Coll; Rossall; Oakham; King's, Worcester

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Wimbledon v Manchester City (7.45) ....

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Burnley v Luton .....
Charlton v Grimsby (7.45) .....
Notts County v Bristol City (7.45) .....
Port Vale v Portsmouth (7.45) .....
Reading v Oldham (7.45)
Southend v Stoke (7.45) .....
* Sunderland v Middlesbrough (7.45) ..
Watford v Barnsley (7.45) .....

Second division
Birmingham v Oxford Utd (7.45) .....
Bournemouth v Stockport (7.45) .....
Bradford v Swansea (7.45) .....
Brentford v Wycombe (7.45) .....
Cambridge Utd v Leyton Orient (7.45) .
Crewe v Wrexham .....
Huddersfield v Plymouth .....
Hull v Peterborough .....
Shrewsbury v York .....

Third division
Exeter v Preston (7.45) .....
Hartlepool v Doncaster .....
Rochdale v Darlington .....
Scarborough v Bury .....

Vauxhall Conference
Kettering v Macclesfield (7.45) .....
Merthyr v Northwich (7.45) .....
Telford v Woking (7.45) .....

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Dundee Utd v Hearts .....
Kilmarnock v Celtic (8.0) .....

First division
St Mirren v St Johnstone .....

Second division
Stenhousemuir v Queen Of South .....
Dumbarton v Berwick .....

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Newtown v Conwy; Holywell v Porthmadog.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Hyde. First division: Fleetwood v Warrington; Mossley v Curzon Ashton; Netherfield v Congleton; Caernarfon v Radcliffe (8.0). League Cup: Semi-finals, first leg: Bamber Bridge v Chorley; Matlock v Bishop Auckland

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Grays; Chesham v Walton; Enfield v Yeading; Hitchin v Wokingham (7.45); St Albans v Hayes. First division: Barking v Abingdon Town (7.45); Berkhamsted v Maidenhead; Heyondge Swifts v Billericay; Tooting v Staines; Uxbridge v Wembley; Worthing v Leyton. Second division: Bracknell v Edgware (7.45); Egham v Saffron Walden (7.45); Malden Vale v Ware (7.45); Tilbury v Chalfont St Peter (7.45); Windsor v Hungerford (7.45). Third division: Bedford Town v Cove (7.45); Canvey Island v Northwood (7.45); Epsom v Clapton (7.45); Hornchurch v Kingsbury (7.45); Leighton v Feltham and H (7.45); Southall v Harefield.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Solihull; Gloucester v Halesowen; Gresley v Burton; Rushden and Diamonds v Leek (7.45); Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfleet. Southern division: Ashford v Fisher 93 (7.45); Burnham v Poole (7.45); Clevedon v Bashley (7.45). Midland division: Bilston v Leicester United; Ilkeston v Sutton Coldfield; Moor Green v King's Lynn (7.45).

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Basildon v Romford, Southend Manor v Eton Manor.

CARLUNG NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood H v Skelmersdale; Prescot v Bacup (7.45); Trafford v Chadderton.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hoddesdon v Harpenden; Letchworth Garden City v Welwyn Garden City; Milton Keynes v Langford; Wingate and Finchley v Potters Bar.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Odd Down v Frome; Bristol Manor Farm v Bridport (7.45); Chippenham v Taunton.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Chasetown v Paget, Halesowen Harr v Willenhall; Sandwell v Bolehall Swifts; Rocester v Stratford, Shifnal v West Midlands Police.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v March (7.45); Fakenham v Chatteris (7.45); Great Yarmouth v Haverhill (8.0); Hadleigh U v Sudbury; Halstead v Stowmarket; Watton v Woodbridge (7.45); Wisbech v Histon, Wroxham v Lowestoft.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: *Bemerton Heath v Eastleigh*, Bournemouth v Ryde Sports (7.45); Brockenhurst v Wimborne; Thatcham v Aerostructures.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Oakwood; East Grinstead v Crowborough; Ringmer v Hailsham; Shoreham v Portfield (7.45); Stanco v Newhaven. League Cup: Third round: Three Bridges v Peacehaven and Telscombe. Quarter-final: Pagham v Bosham.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham v Greenwich (7.45). Corinthian v Whitstable (7.45); Folkestone Invicta v Deal (7.45); Sheppey v Canterbury; Slade Green v Thamesmead; Tunbridge Wells v Dereth Heathside

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Ipswich (at Plough Lane, 2.0); Swindon v Southampton: West Ham v Wimbledon (7.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Blackburn (7.0), Everton v Nottingham Forest (at Goodison Park, 7.0). Manchester Utd v Wolverhampton (at Gigg Lane, Bury, 7.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Brighton v Bristol Rovers.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
Second division
Cross Keys v Llanharan (7.0) .....

CLUB MATCHES: Abercrave v Aberavon (7.0); Bath v Army (7.15); Bristol v Royal Navy (7.0), Maesteg v Treorchy (7.15); Newbridge v Tredegar (7.15); Penarth v Pontypool (7.15).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

MADERISE
(c) To become flat in taste through absorbing too much oxygen while maturing, normally used of wines. "OK team, who forgot to screw down the top of the Coca-Cola this time? It has maderised again."

WAMBLE
(a) A rumble or similar disturbance of the stomach, ie a borborygm. A comforting word, which deserves to be more used: "Was that my wamble or yours?"

ANTIMONY
(c) A poisonous metal. So called, according to folk etymology, because of its use in a famous case of mass-poisoning of monks in the 15th century by an alchemist, named inappropriately, Basil Valentine. Hence *anti-moine* or hostile to monks.

ANTSY
(a) Originating in the late 1960s, *antsy* means jittery, restless, nervous. The expression derives from the earlier phrase "to have ants in one's pants", which dates back to Second World War America.

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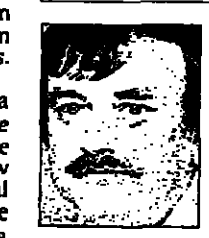
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No news is good news, but some is amusing

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Lynne Perrie, the former *Coronation Street* actress, heads for a sofa in the Leeds studios of Yorkshire Television (YTV), wearing a cocktail dress bought in the hope that tape measures exaggerate. Perrie seems somewhat, shall we say, disconnected and there is alarm in the air, in part based on her announcement that she is tired, having just come back from the moon.

Richard Whiteley — who is to interview her — certainly thought she said the moon. It transpires that Perrie has just come back from Luton. She has splashed-down in Leeds in order to plug a book, in which she relates her drinking problem, which in turn is related to the understandable strain brought about by her son having Aids.

The interview is routine and lasts five minutes. Perrie thinks this is short, but is reassured to hear from Whiteley that some other *Coronation Street* star only got two-and-a-half minutes. By the duration of their book plugs ye shall know them.

The programme we, the national audience, were watching last night was **Deadline** (Channel 4). It is about Yorkshire's nightly news magazine programme, *Calendar*, and it is part of that network's season, called *Whose News?*, on the makers and shapers of news in Britain and abroad. *Deadline* is to be a six-part series, which I fear may strain the concentration.

For *Calendar*, YTV rounds up the usual suspects: a missing child, the launch of the "first mainstream cheese in 50 years", a police swoop on alleged football hooligans, the Perrie book, and so on. A mix of hard news and features, reported by people well used to making bricks without straw.

In these, the backwoods of television, competent folk slash through the undergrowth with one eye on the high plains of national news. Having witnessed at close hand the rise of Angela Rippon, Hugh Scully and Sue Lawley from the studios of BBC Plymouth, I am not about to patronise the regions.

Any fool can put together a running order for the *Nine O'Clock News*, but to make a half-decent item out of a new cheese takes iron will and a refusal to be lazy. Thus the reporter at the cheese launch, for which Anneka Rice has been imported by the makers to say cheese, waves a discreet "don't bother filming" signal at the cameraman while Rice is pontificating. Anneka Rice has interrupted an extraordinary new challenge, most likely on the surface of the moon (or Luton), and YTV could care less! Good for them.

Instead, the crew hits the streets to market-test the cheese and finds it has put ghastly temptation in the path of two middle-aged women: "Actually, we're on our way to Weight Watchers".

The serious news of the night is a missing girl in Hebden Bridge, a story which illustrates the symbiotic relationship between local news organisations, the public — their viewers — and officialdom, in this case the police. There are negotiations, as a result of which the camera crews keep their distance from the family when asked but get their two-minute interview later. This is uncontroversial, untaxing, but interesting.

There was a moment last night, however, when a real issue surfaced. Whiteley, who can give the impression that serious news is there to provide a break between fits of cackling, said this: "The more news there is, the more it adds to the anxiety quotient of people's lives." This has a certain Birtian ring to it, but is nonetheless true.

The problem is not so much too much news as too little understanding on the part of the viewer, who sometimes fails to realise that news is by definition the exceptional. But, yes, the more news programmes there are the more that which was once left uncovered gets coverage: thus are "crime waves" born.

In simpler times of yore there rose to prominence a teenaged actress from Brooklyn called Betty Joan Perske, who was to become the object of my own teenage desires. She had made *To Have And Have Not* before I could toddle but Lauren Bacall, as she became, remains, for men of a certain age, very nearly the perfect manifestation of the female form, and by no means just physically.

That voice! That self-assurance! Her interview with Jeremy Isaacs for **Face to Face** (BBC 2) last night was magical television, the confirmation (I choose to think) that Bacall is everything one believed her to be: intelligent, sensible, utterly without self-pity or self-aggrandisement.

The absence of self-pity was illustrated in a matter-of-fact reference to her father: "I saw him a few times between the ages of six and eight and never saw him again." This led Isaacs to father figures, but she was too smart for him. Before he could utter the name Humphrey Bogart she said, majestically: "I can assure you Mr Bogart was no father to me."

Bacall withstood attempts by the producer Howards Hawks, who brought her to Hollywood, to split her from Bogie. Hawks would tell Bacall, "he'll never marry you" and Hawks would tell Bogie, "you don't have to marry her, why don't you just get a little hotel room?".

Bacall (and Bogie) had higher values and hers survived Hollywood, perhaps because she lived there for only 15 years. And her philosophy, partly learnt from Bogart, is: "To have character, to be honest and loyal to your friends and family ... basic stuff."

From some, this would sound like something out of *Reader's Digest*. From Bacall, it sounds like no more than the truth. At 70, she keeps on working and in the autumn will be on stage at Chichester. If I leave now, I can walk it.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (58334)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (95935334)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5086605)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7471686) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (8488889)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (7723353)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1239044) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (7005957) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (15638063)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (37792) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (77382537)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly presents another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (77386353)

2.15 FILM: Perry Mason — The Case of the Musical Murder (1989) starring Raymond Burr and Debbie Reynolds. The legal eagle defends an innocent man accused of the murder of a Broadway director. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II. (Ceefax) (206266)

3.50 Jackanory (s) (8655131) **4.00 Willy Fog**. (Ceefax) (9899228) **4.25 Grimmy** (4036112) **4.35 Incredible Games**. (Ceefax) (s) (1374247)

5.00 Newsround (2062131) **5.05 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6875179)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (886518). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (711)

6.30 Regional news magazines (173). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

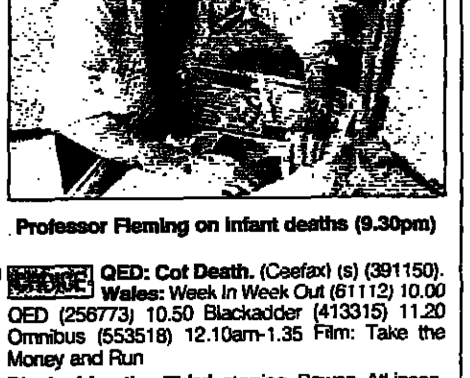
7.00 Holiday. Reports from Orkney and Shetland, southern India and Amsterdam. (Ceefax) (s) (7228)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (247)

8.00 A Question of Sport. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Dean Saunders, Mary Thompson, Peter Baker and John Crawley. (Ceefax) (s) (6976)

8.30 Brockside. A wildlife documentary about badgers (r). (Ceefax) (8711)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9421)



Professor Fleming on infant deaths (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **QED: Cot Death.** (Ceefax) (s) (391150). **Wales:** Week In Week Out (61112) 10.00 QED (256773) 10.50 Blackadder (413315) 11.20 Omnibus (553518) 12.10am-1.35 Film: Take the Money and Run

10.20 Blackadder the Third starring Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson and Hugh Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (765808) **Northern Ireland:** Country Times 10.45 Blackadder the Third 11 15 29 Bedford Street 11.40 Omnibus 12.35am-2.10 Film: Roe vs Wade

10.50 CHOICE **Omnibus: Darker Than Blue — Curtis Mayfield**. (Ceefax) (s) (989624)

11.40 FILM: Take the Money and Run (1969) starring Woody Allen and Janet Margolin. A comedy, marking Allen's directorial début, about a compulsive thief who discovers that crime has a purpose after falling in love with a girl during a purse snatch. (Ceefax) (843353)

1.05am Weather (1406919)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Maths (7945082) **6.45** Going to School in Japan (2708266) **7.10** Making Readers For Life (5081112) **7.35** Art in 15th-century Italy: Florence (5691537)

8.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6365247) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham** (s) (4846570)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Standard Grade Geography (3875860) **9.25** Around Scotland (5137599) **9.45** You and Me (5202773) **10.00** Playdays (8499995) **10.25** English Express (1510131) **10.45** The Experimenter (4743686) **11.05** Space Ark — Changes in Material (6516686) **11.15** Music Makers (6562624) **11.35** Seeing Through Science (9982537) **12.00** See Hear! (63082) **12.30** Working Lunch (89518) **1.00** Teaching Today (35334) **1.30** Q and A (25959228) **1.40** You and Me (66118570) **1.45** Numbers Plus (25961063) **2.00** Gordon T. Gopher (87707860)

2.10 Human Rights Day Service (1603565)

3.15 Westminster with Nick Ross. (Ceefax) (4106518) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8653773)

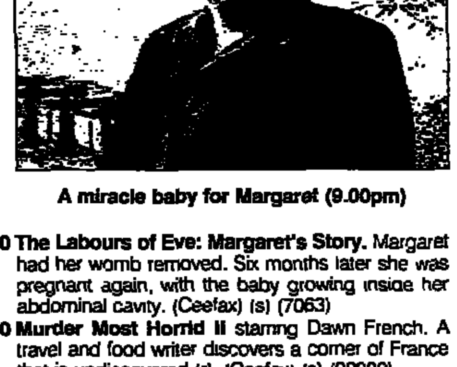
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (976) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (860) **5.00 Esther** (s) (8334) **5.30 Catchword** (s) (112)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (324334) **6.25 Heartbreak High** (Ceefax) (s) (760063) **7.10 The Tick** (s) (977860)

7.30 The Knowledge (Ceefax) (s) (889)

8.00 Public Eye: Inside Operations (Ceefax) (4518)

8.30 Madhur Jaffrey's Flavours of India. In the Punjab, Madhur Jaffrey visits the Golden Temple and its community kitchens that feed thousands. (Ceefax) (s) (6353)



A miracle baby for Margaret (9.00pm)

9.00 The Labours of Eve: Margaret's Story. Margaret had her womb removed. Six months later she was pregnant again, with the baby growing inside her abdominal cavity. (Ceefax) (s) (7063)

9.30 Murder Most Horrid II starring Dawn French. A travel and food writer discovers a corner of France that is undiscovered (r). (Ceefax) (s) (92082)

10.00 Cardiac Arrest. Hospital comedy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (64711) **10.30 Newsnight**. (Ceefax) (955792)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (817228)

11.55 Weather (264402)

12.00 Modern Art. *The Impressionist Surace* (4155193) **12.25am Computer Aided Design: Draughting** (2786358)

1.25 The Record (4304648).Ends at **1.55**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Primary Science (96261)

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CHOICE

QED: Cot Death
BBC1, 9.30pm

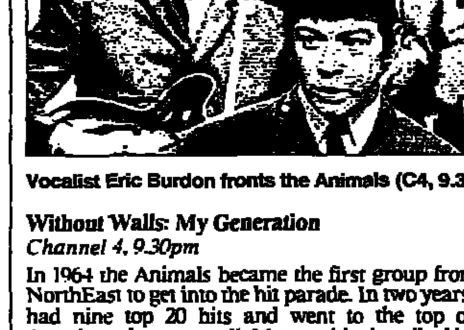
In the last few days there has been much renewed discussion about the causes of cot death. A claim made last year on *The Cook Report*, about the dangers of PVC-covered cot mattresses, *has* been strongly challenged by new evidence from Professor Peter Fleming of St Michael's Hospital, Bristol. Professor Fleming explains his findings, while Dr Barry Richardson, the forensic scientist who propounded the mattress theory, is called on to defend his position. The programme also examines the preliminary results of a body set up by the Government in January 1993. These indicated that after the baby's sleeping position, the most important risk factor associated with cot death was parents who smoke.

Omnibus: Darker Than Blue — Curtis Mayfield
BBC1, 10.50pm: Scotland, March 26, 11.05pm

The writer Caryl Phillips celebrates the work of the American soul singer whose passionate, socially penetrating songs have provided an inspiration for a generation of his fellow blacks. Since a stage accident in 1990 left him paralysed below the neck, Curtis Mayfield has been virtually silent. But Phillips's sympathetic film makes a persuasive case for a talent which embraced singing, songwriting, guitar playing, arranging and publishing. Told by his teacher that he would never make a living from music, Mayfield became the balladeer of the American civil rights movement and his solo albums were million sellers. The programme includes interviews with Mayfield, his formidable mother and his son-cum-manager.

Network First: Paul McKenna's Secrets of Hypnosis
ITV, 10.40pm

The television hypnotist Paul McKenna turns reporter to explore the uses and abuses of his craft. In San Francisco a rape victim is hypnotised into giving a precise description of her attacker. In Munich, an American hypnotherapist convinces a short-sighted woman that her vision has become clearer. Perhaps most startling, a woman afraid of heights is persuaded to take a bungee jump from a 180-foot crane over the River Thames. We also hear how hypnosis is used to programme would-be assassins. Political speakers are analysed for their hypnotic effect. The suggestion is that while Margaret Thatcher could send an audience into a trance, the same gift has eluded John Major.



Vocalist Eric Burdon fronts the Animals (C4, 9.30pm)

Without Walls: My Generation
Channel 4, 9.30pm

In 1964 the Animals became the first group from the NorthEast to get into the hit parade. In two years they had nine top 20 hits and went to the top of the American charts as well. Memorably described by one writer as "an apoplectic beetroot on a pogo stick", Eric Burdon was the group's vocalist. He wanted to do blues numbers, while the others favoured a more eclectic repertoire. "What made the band was the tensions within it", Alan Price, another founder-member, recalls, "and what made it, destroyed it." The memories of Burdon, Price and the other original Animals are mixed with evocative footage of their younger selves in the first of three films about seminal English groups of the 1960s. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (7437841)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (3872773) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8476044)

10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (7501624)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (26168995) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1235228)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2707711)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (2782402) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (57606518)

1.55 Vanessa. Discussion series on women's issues. (Teletext) (s) (35569711) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (74336792) **2.50 Blue Heelers**. Rural Australia police drama (7854266)

3.20 ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (6683605)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (6682976)

3.30 The Magic House (s) (2757995) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (8651315) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (8657599) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (8779315) **4.15 The Dreamstone**. (Teletext) (s) (6097402) **4.40 Chris Cross**. (Teletext) (s) (9638889)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. (Teletext) (6869518)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (110112)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (529650)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (179)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (131)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (5624)

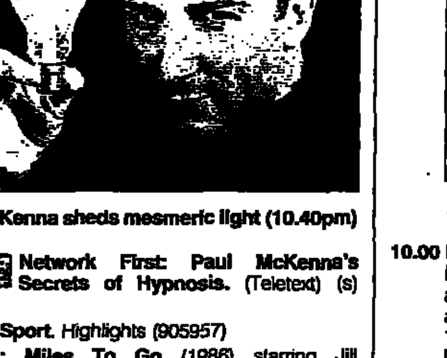
7.30 Saint and Greavsie's World of Sport. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves with classic sporting moments from the early 1970s (s) (315)

8.00 The Bill: Quits. Stamp makes Slater the laughing stock of Sun Hill. (Teletext) (1044)

8.30 September Song. Last in the drama series starring Russ Abbot, Michael Williams and Diana Quick. (Teletext) (s) (9709)

9.00 Peak Practice. A sporting accident throws Will and Sarah together. (Teletext) (s) (7315)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (68537) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (625179)



Paul McKenna sheds mesmeric light (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Paul McKenna's Secrets of Hypnosis.** (Teletext) (s) (605150)

11.40 Carlton Sport. Highlights (905957)

12.40am FILM: Miles To Go (1986) starring Jill Clayburgh, Tom Skirritt and Mimi Kuzyk. A drama about a woman who, on learning she is dying of cancer, tries to find a replacement for herself in her family's life. Directed by David Greene (698735)

2.25 The Little Picture Show (5554071)

3.20 America's Top Ten (s) (68792700)

3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (28667)

4.15 On the Live Side (s) (13924071)

4.30 Videofashion. New York collections (66358)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (55754)

5.30 ITN Morning News (81532). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (2702082)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (27315)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Trivia game show for couples (r) (s) (45686)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5209686) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5297841) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7488976) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (1526792) **10.25** Time Capsule (1512599) **10.45** Coming Together (4542860) **11.00** Science in Focus (2072173) **11.22** Stage One (6173599) **11.38** Schools at Work (5754841) **11.45** First Edition (4705266)

12.00 House To House (58150)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the singer Marilyn Horne (34711) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (35559334)

1.55 10 Minute Mozart. A 1930 Reiniger silhouette illustration of *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and *Cosi Fan Tutte* (25970711)

2.10 FILM: Wing and a Prayer (1944, b/w) starring Don Ameche and Dana Andrews. Second World War drama about the events leading up to the Battle of Midway in the Pacific. Directed by Henry Hathaway (567745)

3.55 Food File (r). (Teletext) (s) (5313131)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (228)

5.00 Whose News?: The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are television journalists who have been threatened (r). (Teletext) (s) (8797421)

5.50 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (274583)

6.00 Babylon 5: A Race Through Dark Places. American science-fiction. (Teletext) (s) (427711)

6.55 Terrytoons. Another classic cartoon (630792)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (609773)

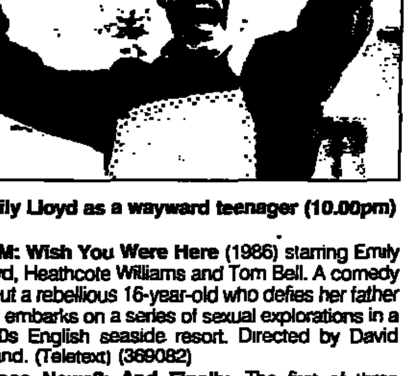
7.55 Whose News?: Bremner Bulletins. Rory Bremner with satirical comment (s) (947889)

8.00 Classic Motorcycles. Japanese-made machines that have become classics (r). (Teletext) (9686)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (1421)

9.00 Without Walls: Auto Erotic. What makes a car a symbol of opulence? Last in the series. (Teletext) (s) (2131)

9.30 CHOICE **Without Walls: My Generation.** (Teletext) (s) (87150)



Emily Lloyd as a wayward teenager (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Wish You Were Here (1986) starring Emily Lloyd, Heathcote Williams and Tom Bell. A comedy about a rebellious 16-year-old who defies her father and embarks on a series of sexual explorations in a 1950s English seaside resort. Directed by David Leland. (Teletext) (369082)

11.45 Whose News?: And Finally. The first of three programmes presented by Sheena McDonald analysing what is newsworthy. This edition suggests that the news is made predominantly by white *middle-class, middle-aged men for other middle-class*, middle-aged men (540353)

12.45am Football Italia: Mezzanote (921193)

1.45 Blood, Sweat and Glory. A look at the connection between art and athleticism (r) (s) (92545)

2.15 FILM: In the Soup (1936, b/w) starring Ralph Lynn and Judy Gunn. A British farce directed by Henry Edward (4754754). Ends at **3.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77370792) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7854266) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6869518) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (496678) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (315) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (274599) **12.35am** The Left Handed Gun (340551) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (7069984) **3.20** The Beat (3912464) **4.15** Travel Trails (83823803) **4.40-5.00** Music Box Profile (58781358)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77370792) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7854266) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6869518) **6.25-7.00** Central News (496678) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (315) **11.40-12.40pm** Crime Story (905957) **4.15am** Jobfinder (6922006) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7869700)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2782402) **1.25** Home and Away (87309421) **1.50** Vanessa (35537112) **2.20** Gardeners' Diary (74328773) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (7854266) **3.30-3.40** The Magic House (2757995) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6869518) **6.25** Granada Tonight (496678) **7.00** Emmerdale (5624) **7.30-8.00** Survival (315) **11.40** Granada Soccer Night (905957) **12.40am** Miles To Go (698735) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5554071) **3.20** America's Top Ten (68792700) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (28667) **4.15** Jobfinder (8569342) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (55754)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8476044) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (1235228) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (74327044) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7760247) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6869518) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (131) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (315) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines (625179) **11.40-12.40pm** Prisoner Cell Block H (905957) **4.15am-5.00** Jobfinder (8569342)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (8476044) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (1235228) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (6682976) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (131) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (315) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (625179)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8476044) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1235228) **1.55** A Country Practice (77370792) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7854266) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6682976) **5.10** Home and Away (6869518) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (424006) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (179) **6.30-7.00** Doing It Up (131) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (315) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (625179) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (274599) **12.35am** The Left Handed Gun (340551) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (7069984) **3.20** The Beat (3912464) **4.15** Travel Trails (83823803) **4.40** Music Box Profile (56781358) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (55754)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8476044) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1244976) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1243247) **2.25** The Young Doctors (74327044) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News. Weather (6682976) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6869518) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (84063) **7.30-8.00** Wild West Country (315) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News, Weather (625179) **11.40-12.40pm** Prisoner Cell Block H (905957) **4.15am-5.00** Jobfinder (8569342)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (8476044) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (1235228) **1.55** A Country Practice (77370792) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7854266) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (6682976) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6869518) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (316131) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (131) **7.30-8.00** Good Advice (315) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (625179) **11.40** Kojak: Ariana (676178) **1.30am** The Little Picture Show (80342) **2.30** Sport AM (8243261) **3.25** The Beat (3811735) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (6830071)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (27315) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (45686) **9.30** Ysgolion (780402) **12.00pm** House To House (58150) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (74686) **1.00** Little Miss (20402) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (73957) **2.00** The Late Late Show (19808) **3.00** The Real Holiday Show (8957) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2577957) **4.20** Tales Of A Wise King (4060173) **4.30** Saved By The Bell - The New Class (228) **5.00** 5 Pump (3402) **5.30** Countdown (808) **6.00** Newyddion (784792) **6.15** Heno (766247) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3266) **7.30** Mbs O Diwn (957) **8.00** Dau Rhys (Ar Frys) (9686) **8.30** Newyddion (1421) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (5957) **10.00** Brookside (66179) **10.30** Dim Tafod (28353) **11.30** My Generation (32173) **12.00am** Deadline (44648)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (20063) **6.30** Peter Pan (47605) **7.00** Mask (65599) **7.30** Wild West Cowboys of Moo Mesa (77334) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (39421) **8.30** Blockbusters (98792) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (39711) **10.00** Concentration (38957) **10.30** Card Sharks (85228) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (86082) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (77268) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (18044) **1.00** St Elsewhere (13599) **2.00** The Freemantle Conspiracy (39686) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6998995) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4806063) **3.55** Wild West Cowboys (9463353) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (6624) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8353) **6.00** Murphy Brown (4689) **6.30** Family Ties (8841) **7.00** Rescue (9082) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7353) **8.00** The X-Files, with David Duchovny (76082) **9.00** Models Inc (63518) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (66605) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (110792) **11.50** Littlejohn (802421) **12.40am** Chances (3091984) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (22087) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8809480)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (1219599) **9.30** Fashion TV (89334) **10.30** ABC Nightline (76570) **11.00** World News and Business (84624) **1.30pm** CBS News (42315) **2.30** Parliament Live (79841) **4.00** News and Business (18570) **5.00** Live at Five (6155889) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (19108570) **7.30** OJ Simpson Trial (2720315) **11.30** CBS Evening News (27150) **12.30am** ABC News (9581464) **1.10** Entertainment This Week (9298006) **2.30** Parliament Replay (14795) **4.30** CBS Evening News (37716) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight (32280)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1189599) **10.00 Straight Talk** (1992) (12860) **12.00 The Sea Wolves** (1980) (43889) **2.00pm Conrack** (1974) (57957) **4.00 Age of Treason** (1993) (84635266) **5.55 Straight Talk** (1992) As 10am (27153150) **7.30 Close-Up: Sky's Robert De Niro Week** (2421) **8.00 Sex, Love and Cold Hard Cash** (1993) (72268) **10.00 Joshua Tree** (1993) (932234) **11.45 Innocent Blood** (1992) (288570) **1.40am Witness to the Execution** (1993) (9182735) **3.10-4.45 Deadly Addiction** (1988) (89987919)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Against the Wind (1948) (33315) **8.00 Coal Miner's Daughter** (1980) (40224976) **10.05-12.00 Falling in Love** (1984) (890402)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Branded (1950) (33481976) **7.40 While the City Sleeps** (1956) (82674150) **9.20 Ali Baba** (1985): Cartoon (4723421) **10.15 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985) Animation (2612402) **11.10 The Solid Gold Cadillac** (1956) (42644112) **12.50pm This Earth is Mine** (1959) (31667131) **2.55 Lucy Gallant** (1955) (83022044) **4.45 Ali Baba** (1985) As 9.20am (2164808) **6.00 Huck and the King of Hearts** (1993) (68063) **8.00 National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1** (1993) (3530660) **9.25 29th Street** (1991) (83851334) **11.10 School Ties** (1992) (505082) **1.00am The Gambler** (1975) (401377) **2.50 Stalking Laura** (1993) (763280) **4.25-6.00 Huck and the King of Hearts** (1993) As 6pm (500209)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4528315) **7.15** WWF Mania (132173) **8.15** Soccer News (2541044) **8.30** One to One (23063) **9.00** Snowboard Tour (14315) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (49599) **10.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (52063) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (34179) **12.30pm** Monday Night Football: Norwich v Ipswich (29841) **2.30** Rugby League Academy (64112) **3.30** Yachting (21334) **4.30** Grass Roots Rugby (5150) **5.00** WWF Superstars (4179) **6.00** Soccer News (862179) **6.15** Boots 'n' All (828686) **7.00** Snooker: Kloster Open (570247) **10.00** Soccer News (278957) **10.15** Tartan Extra (614537) **11.15** Grass Roots Rugby (747044) **11.45** Fish Tales (108247) **12.00** Boots 'n' All (9009822) **12.45am** Snowboard Tour (150483) **1.15-2.15** Tartan Extra (108280)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurogolf (77976) **8.30** Dancing (38711) **9.30** Figure Skating (76529) **11.30** Gymnastics (98179) **1.00pm** Football (70082) **2.30** Speedworld (42711) **4.00** Wrestling (65402) **5.00** Football (27537) **6.30** News (2063) **7.00** Euroski (95678) **8.00** Tractor Pulling (14266) **9.00** Boxing (94402) **10.00** Snooker (85266) **12.00-12.30am** News (71193)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4054841) **8.30** Peyton Place (4053112) **9.00** As the World Turns (4269570) **10.00** Guiding Light (9563957) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9576421)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (4064228) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1280082) **1.00** Trailside (9587537) **1.30** Cook Italian (1283353) **2.00** California's Gold (7843976) **2.30** Discover Your World (4616082) **3.00** American Vacation (4597247) **4.00** Travel Guide (4607334) **4.30** Zoo Life (4603518) **5.00** Colorado River (7834228) **5.30** Cook Italian (4687570) **6.00** Globetrotter (4617711) **6.30** Ticket to Paradise (4608063) **7.00** Discover America (5579150) **8.00** Around the World (7823112) **8.30** Travel Guide (7842247) **9.00** Globetrotter (4505266) **9.30** Ticket to Paradise (1277518) **10.00** Discover America (5578421) **11.00** Colorado River (4500711) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (4132518)



Sissy Spacek as Loretta Lynn (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Room Service (2844044) **9.30** The Roux Brothers (5055860) **10.00** Jimmy's (2883518) **10.30** Only Human (1144421) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (1260583) **12.00** Youth Express (2864808) **12.30pm** House Style (5066976) **1.00** The Roux Brothers (8444082) **1.30** Room Service (5065247) **2.00** A Change of Mind (2884247) **3.00** Successful Home Video (2825044) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (1997860)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8414841) **7.30** Neighbours (8433976) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2863179) **8.30** EastEnders (2865150) **9.00** The Bill (2846402) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (5865686) **10.30** Angels (1153179) **11.30** Terry and June (9460501) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2866266) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5068334) **1.00** EastEnders (8413112) **1.30** The Bill (5067605) **2.00** After Henry (2848995) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (1994773) **3.00** Knots Landing (1365137) **4.00** Dallas (3610222) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9636266) **5.35** The Dick Emery Show (7933606) **6.50** Hi-De-Hi (4722995) **6.30** EastEnders (1919082) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (2942711) **7.30** Help! (1915266) **8.00** After Henry (2928131) **8.30** The Lenny Henry Show (2947266) **9.00** The Sweeney (9644624) **10.00** The Bill (2887995) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7558150) **11.10** Cool It (5555808) **11.50** Dr Who: Dr Who and the Silurians (6968957) **12.20am** FILM: Murder at the Gallop (1963): Margaret Rutherford as Miss Marple (73214006) **1.45** Candid Camera (1446629) **2.15** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (6908315) **6.55** Garfield (7475889) **7.25** Eek (6456150) **7.55** Degrassi (3382042) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4315976) **8.45** Casper (1521179) **9.00** Sesame Street (29155) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (89131) **12.00** Garfield (63605) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (14781) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (42247) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83402605) **1.45** Baby Follies (83490860) **2.00** Barney (8150) **2.30** Babar (7334) **3.00** Casper (1644624) **3.15** Bill and Ted (943266) **3.45** Sonic (942537) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1240247) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (7570)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelive! (4526957) **7.15** Pee-Wee (917651) **7.45** Rugrats (465222) **8.15** Doug (122686) **8.45** Nickelive! (8251624) **9.00** Nick Jr (818044) **12.00** Pee-Wee (25421) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (41957) **1.00** Smoggies (66686) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (40228) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (2334) **2.30** Galaxy High School (2088) **3.00** Killer Tomatoes (1841) **3.30** Turtles Gold (5773) **4.00** Doug (4808) **4.30** Rugrats (3792) **5.00** Clarissa (3686) **5.30** Nickelive! (4044) **6.00** Grimmy (1957) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (5537)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Birdscape (1916995) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (1912179) **5.00** The Blue Revolution (91065247) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4310660) **7.00** Earth Tremors (9646082) **8.00** Beer, The Pharaoh's Liquid Gold (2926773) **8.30** Voyager (2945808) **9.00** First Flights (8210266) **9.30** The X-Planes (5046112) **10.00** Discovery Journal (9006686) **10.55-12.00** Wildlife (47839518)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. Who Done It? (1956) (6822537) **1.30pm** Smothers Brothers (5052773) **2.00** thirtysomething (2871773) **3.00** The Rat Patrol (2912570) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1991686) **4.00** FILM The Young Racers (1963) (6805860) **5.30** Drama Classics (1990957) **6.00** Get Smart (1980570) **6.30** Police Woman (1191995) **7.30** Honey West (1900334) **8.00** thirtysomething (9626228) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (8115614) **9.30** FILM. Nasty Habits (1977) (5620266) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (2876228)

UK LIVING

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Venison recalled to midfield

Venables lets Ince rest his England case

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

PAUL INCE, the Manchester United midfield player, was yesterday omitted from the England squad for the match against Uruguay at Wembley next week because he faces a charge of assault on Thursday.

Terry Venables, the England coach, has had to tread warily in what is a no-win situation. Ince comes before Croydon magistrates this week, along with Eric Cantona, over alleged incidents at Selhurst Park in January during Manchester United's game against Crystal Palace.

Before the ill-fated match against Ireland in Dublin last month, Venables stuck by Dennis Wise, of Chelsea, who has since been convicted of assault, but this time he has acted before the case comes to court after consulting Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager.

It would be extreme to suggest that Venables, or his employers, the Football Association, have taken a high moral stance. "Hopefully, I am being consistent," Venables said yesterday. "Before the Dublin match, I spoke to Glenn Hoddle and Dennis Wise, and they decided he should not play. This time I had a chat to Alex Ferguson, and we felt there was pressure there [on Ince]. I think Alex wants to rest him, and that's what I've done."

So Ince, in many minds essential to the England midfield, will, assuming he is free to do so, spend a few days next week recuperating at home with his wife and children. From a purely footballing standpoint, he looked in his performance at Anfield on Sunday as though that rest is long overdue; his fighting spirit and combative instincts were subdued.

He was, in fact, overwhelmed by the experience and the surprising appetite for physical fray of John Barnes, coupled with the youth and the balance displayed by Jamie Redknapp. Both, not surprisingly, are among five Liverpool players named in Venables's squad, which again illustrates the fine attitude of the Liverpool manager, Roy Evans. Unlike some of his fellow managers, Evans is prepared to release players for an international friendly just four days before his side plays in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley.

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T Flowers (Blackburn), I Walker (Tottenham); R Jones (Liverpool), W Barton (Wimbledon), A Adams (Arsenal), S Howey (Newcastle), G Pallister (Manchester United), N Ruddock (Liverpool), G Le Saux (Blackburn), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Anderton (Tottenham), R Lee (Newcastle), B Venison (Newcastle), D Platt (Sampdoria), T Sherwood (Blackburn), J Redknapp (Liverpool), J Barnes (Liverpool), S McManaman (Liverpool), N Barmby (Tottenham), P Beardsley (Newcastle), A Shearer (Blackburn), E Sheringham (Tottenham).

Redknapp is the latest young player to be added to Venables's training camp. He will not actually play this time but, as his splendid goal on Sunday showed, he has the potential to be an international; so Venables invites him to training before releasing him to captain the England under-21 side against Ireland in Dublin on March 27.

The son of Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, he will have his day. But there must be fears that Matthew Le Tissier, Ian Wright, and maybe even Les Ferdinand, have had theirs. They are dropped, the casualties, in a way, of the violence that prevented the match at Lansdowne Road from lasting more than 27 minutes. Venables is always a mite reluctant to discuss Le Tissier; he was even when the Southampton saviour was in refulgent form. "He [Le Tissier] might even say himself he's not on the top of his form," Venables said. "Others are playing better, and I have to see others in the team."

Fine, Le Tissier has hit a trough. But will he be back in the future? "I can't make promises to anybody," Venables responded. From Southampton there came only the sounds of disappointment. Alan Ball, the Southampton manager, and Le Tissier were terse and noncommittal, both aware that a depressed Le Tissier is the last thing the club needs in its relegation plight.

But for every sadness there is joy. Barry Venison, 30, has returned to the squad. He, like Beardsley, the eternal Peter Pan of England, might expect to represent Newcastle in the team, Venison in the role vacated by Ince.

Venables, meanwhile, wonders aloud whether it is time the Professional Footballers Association helped "to establish some common ground rules" so that players and managers know what to expect in situations involving sport and the law.

"If players know what the situation is, they are not surprised when situations come up," he said. "I would like to see a code of conduct in many areas of the game, not just this one. But until we get that, everything has to be taken on its merits. I have to try to be as fair as I can."

Compare the situation in Scotland, where Duncan Ferguson, of Everton, has been included in the squad for the match against Russia, despite the fact that he is facing an assault charge north of the border and is suspended at club level at present.

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Schools set fierce pace in Rosslyn Park sevens



Ben Stobart, of Marlborough, evades the grasp of Bruce Kirby, of Churcher's College, Petersfield, to sprint clear for a try in the Rosslyn Park schools sevens rugby union tournament yesterday. Marlborough won the group match 35-5. Photograph: Des Jenson. Results, page 38

Wright seeks payment for earnings loss

By Mark Souster

PETER WRIGHT, the Scotland prop, is to seek compensation to cover loss of earnings after damaging his collarbone playing at Twickenham on Saturday. Wright, a blacksmith who will be unable to work for at least a month, met the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) yesterday to discuss the possibility of an *ex gratia* payment.

Wright, 26, of Boroughmuir, whose wife is expecting their first child later this year, said: "I just can't afford to be off work for too long. But even though I do heavy manual work and have been told to take no contact on my shoulder for a month, I may have to go back and earn my wages if there is no compensation available."

Although the SRU's official line is that no player should lose out financially through representing his country, Bill Hogg, the chief executive, said clarification would be sought from the International Rugby Football Board before a decision was made.

"We will have to seek guidance," Hogg said. "Peter has already spoken to our surgeon to determine the extent of his injury."

Wright sprung his collarbone early in the match on Saturday but played on in considerable pain. With fellow prop, David Hilton, forced to retire, Scotland had used their specialist replacement John Manson and would have faced considerable problems if Wright had also come off.

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Although compensation for Wright would set a precedent in Scotland, England did make one-off lump-sum payments to the forwards, Mike Teague and Paul Rendall, after the World Cup in 1991 because of injuries sustained during the tournament.

Even if the SRU feels unable to help, Wright's employers said that he would not lose out. Vick Ross, managing director of McDonald and Ross, the engineering firm, said: "We back Peter in everything he does rugby-wise. It is important he gets himself fit before coming to work. He can take what time off he needs to get his shoulder right for the World Cup."

☐ Dean Richards, the England No 8, will be missing when Leicester resume their challenge for the double this weekend after damaging rib cartilages during the Grand Slam success against Scotland. Leicester, second in the Courage League, play West Hartlepool on Saturday, then face Wasps in the Pilkington Cup semi-finals on April 1.

☐ Peter Clohessy, the Ireland tight-head prop, is unlikely to be available for the World Cup. He has started a business in Limerick and cannot afford the time away. A decision will be made next week. Ireland have named Stephen Hilditch and David McHugh as their referees for the tournament.

Seles overshadows Spaniard's exit

From Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent, in Key Biscayne

THE Lipton championships here in Florida feature the most competitive tennis fields outside the four grand slam events, as has been demonstrated by the defeats already inflicted on a dozen of the 32 men's seeds. Yesterday, the leading women's seed, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, was also knocked out.

Yet a prominent woman who is not here continues to attract boundless speculation. Monica Seles has been in hibernation for almost two years since a knife was plunged into her back by Günther Parche in Hamburg. Other than a confusing press conference during the US Open championship, in 1993, when she raised more questions than she answered, she has guarded her privacy.

The ill-conceived secrecy has been counter-productive, fuelling rumours rather than dispelling them. According to one, she is to make her comeback in Houston next month. According to her principal sponsor, Fila, she will return at the Italian Open in May. According to her father, Karelj, her retirement may be permanent.

Her rivals are irritated by the queries which are continually posed because they, too, have been kept in the dark. "I have no idea what is wrong with her," Steffi Graf, the holder, said. "It is like a crime thriller." Sánchez Vicario, the winner in 1992 and 1993, pleaded for Seles "to come out of hiding". The patience of Gabriela Sabatini has snapped. "It is awfully hard to get through to Monica," she professed. "Eventually, you give up trying."

The topic has been lent additional poignancy because the case involving the assault on Seles is to be re-examined in Hamburg today. Her father, in an article published in the *New York Times*, argued for a heavier punishment to be imposed on Parche, who had expected to be imprisoned for 15 years.

Instead, the sentence was non-custodial because no evidence of the physical damage inflicted on Seles was submitted in court. While she has been away, Martina Navratilova has ended her career and Jennifer Capriati has yet fully to resume hers.

Doubts have also been expressed about Graf's condition, although ten successive straight-sets victories tend to indicate that her back is not inhibiting her. The women's game is supposed to be stagnating, but Marianne Werdel Witmeyer, the No 25 seed, is enlivening it.

Unseeded at the Australian Open, she reached the last four before submitting to Sánchez Vicario. Yesterday, the Stanford University graduate exacted revenge and caused the most improbable surprise of an already turbulent tournament by going through to the last 16, 6-2, 7-5.

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Salim free to play during inquiry

By Simon Wilde

SALIM MALIK, who was dismissed as Pakistan cricket captain and suspended from playing in the aftermath of allegations of match-fixing, has been freed to play. The *ad hoc* committee running the game in Pakistan issued a statement yesterday saying that it had, on legal advice, acceded to Salim's request that he should be allowed to "confront his accusers and cross-examine them".

Salim's principal accusers are believed to be a number of Australian Test players who toured Pakistan late last year and submitted sworn statements to the Australian Cricket Board. These statements were passed last month to David Richards, the chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC), who in turn handed them to Javed Burki, the chairman of the Pakistan committee, for investigation.

Burki is now to turn back to the ICC for assistance. The statement yesterday said: "The chief executive of the ICC had already been informed verbally of the *ad hoc* committee's desire that the Australian cricketers involved make themselves available [for cross-examination]. The committee will now make a formal request to the ICC."

Salim, who has dismissed charges of attempted bribery as baseless, was sacked as captain a fortnight ago. "Mr Salim Malik must be considered innocent until proven guilty," the statement added. "The ban imposed on him has been removed and he is free to play cricket during the pendency of the inquiry."

Such an inquiry, though, seemingly cannot proceed for several weeks, as Australia's leading players are touring the Caribbean until mid-May. This leaves Pakistan with the delicate decision as to whether to select Salim for the Asia Cup in Sharjah next month.

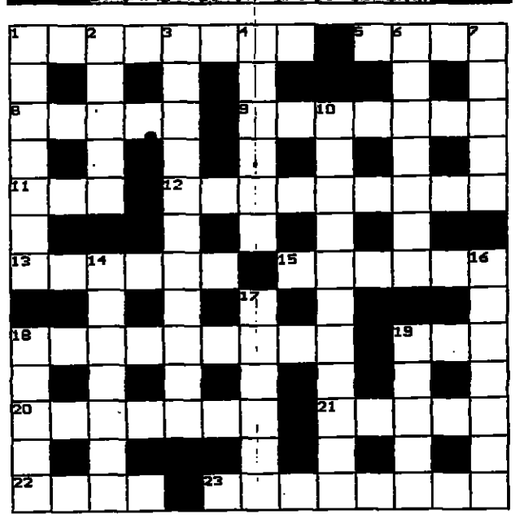


Salim: accused

It was also announced yesterday that the Test and County Cricket Board has agreed to the recent demand of the Cricketers' Association that the minimum salary for a capped county player, which is £14,500 at present, would rise next year. The players, who feel they have not received a fair share of increased television revenue, had threatened not to sign declarations which bind them to abide by TCCB rules and regulations for the coming season.

A working party of players' and board representatives will continue to meet to discuss various possible enhanced benefits for established county cricketers. "The working party acknowledges that the 1996 minimum wage proposals will be the first to be negotiated following the conclusion of the new broadcasting contracts," a statement said.

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5 Minor station; hesitate (4)
8 Centre section, usu. thinner (5)
9 Henri –, Fauvist painter (7)
11 Regret; herb (3)
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13 Fit; a dignitary (6)
15 Church, college ceremonial officer (6)
18 Cold correctness; conventional procedure (9)
19 Striped insect (3)
20 Auburn person (7)
21 Sir Francis –, leader against Armada (5)
22 Reheated mince; drug (4)
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2 Complain; sudden pain (5)
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4 All one can carry (6)
6 Run away (from detention) (7)
7 Twist lightly, playfully (5)
10 What a ridiculous suggestion! (3,4,4)
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16 Basic component (7)
17 Bring to end; provoke to anger (4,2)
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